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WINDOW ON WORLDS OF WONDER

Empty shop windows in parts of Margate are to be filled with magical imagery. In a bid to brighten up parts of the old town, the Whole Hog Celebratory Arts Company and the University of Kent's creative events degree students will fill spaces with scenes from fairy tales and folklore. As part of the Window on the Future project, images from tales such as Sleeping Beauty and the Little Mermaid will decorate shopfronts that have been boarded up, abandoned or are simply empty.

■ BY NICK AMES

CONGESTION around Westwood Cross could put lives at risk as emergency service vehicles are caught up in jams, campaigners are warning.

They say it is not only ambulances rushing to life-or-death situations that are facing delays, but firefighters and police on 999 calls are also being caught in the gridlock.

The addition of more and more stores at the retail outlet has increased the numbers of cars around the centre dramatically.

Weekends are the worst time and traffic can grind to a complete halt.

Ambulance workers have emphasised that drivers receive specialist training and have the option of travelling under blue lights using sirens, but campaigners say this is useless if traffic is motionless.

Thanet councillor Liz Green has been at the forefront of moves to get the county council to tackle the problem.

Thanet has now been designated a priority area for action on traffic congestion after the matter was raised at County Hall.

"Success - we are delighted," she said.

The Green Party's Steve Dawe was one of the first to raise concerns. He said: "Westwood Cross was created in an area where the road structure was designed purely to serve the coastal towns, and the traffic congestion issue has never been resolved.

"The medical facilities in Margate serve a large area of east Kent and are the nearest ones to many villages such as Minster, Monkton or Acol.

"Even people as far away as Sandwich are being hit by these traffic problems as they are often referred to Thanet for treatment. The

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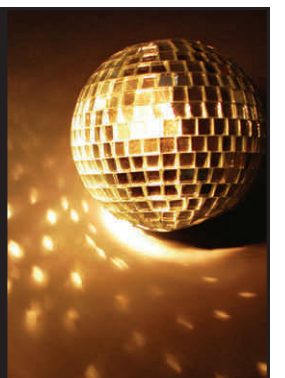


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Consumers aflutter for free-range birds

■ BY TOM BETTS

FEATHERS have been flying at an isle farm as sales of free-range chickens have rocketed.

A recent push to make consumers aware of the plight of intensively-reared birds spearheaded by TV chefs Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall appears to have made people sit up and take notice.

Quex Barn near Birchington told Yourthanet that it had completely sold out of free-range birds over the weekend.

Stock that usually sells in a week left the shelves in a matter of hours as shoppers embraced the idea of more ethical shopping.

Ian Mather, of Quex Barn, a farm shop stocking free-range birds, said the demand had really taken off since the shows went on air.

He said: "Over the weekend we sold a lot more birds than we usually would."

"Seven boxes would usually last us a week, but they had gone by Friday lunchtime. As you can imagine for a small business such as ours, that is quite a lot."

"We have also sold a heck of a lot of free-range eggs as well."

"We will have to up our own egg out-



FAIR FOWL: Sarah at Quex Barn with some of the chickens that are proving such a hit with customers

put and will probably even have to look for some more local suppliers.

"I think the programmes were very good and people were certainly talking to me about them."

He added: "They are done in a very honest manner. It's important that they are made in that way as it shows what really goes on."

The sales boost at Quex Barn is being attributed to the three-part

Hugh's Chicken Run and Friday night's Jamie's Fowl Dinners programmes, which focused on the differences in chickens reared as standard birds and those which live their lives as free range.

Mr Mather said: "There seems to be a real renaissance in people wanting to know where their food is sourced from. People just seem to be more interested."

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Keep your distance while work is done

PATIENTS at a doctors' surgery are being asked to stay away while work is carried out.

Work at the Garlinge Surgery at the Bungalow in Canterbury Road, Margate, is taking place tomorrow (Thursday), Friday and Monday next week.

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Marine experts help rescue stranded pup

A **SEAL** pup found stranded on Margate beach has been returned to offshore sandbanks by marine experts.

The mammal was spotted on the beach on Tuesday, January 8, by a council dog warden, and Thanet Coast staff were alerted.

Together with Matt Stickles and Brett Lewis, of the British Divers Marine Life Rescue, and Horizon Sea Safaris from Ramsgate, they helped return the seal to its natural habitat.

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The sky will be blue but flag may not be

Test procedures mean that beach is set to miss out

BY TOM BETTS

A BLUE FLAG looks unlikely to fly over Viking Bay in Broadstairs this summer.

Despite millions of pounds being spent by Southern Water on a treatment facility near Richborough, the symbol of high coastal standards may still prove elusive because of the way results of water quality are backdated.

Blue flag status is based on tests carried out on the water by the Environment Agency from May to September the previous year.

This means that even if water being pumped out to sea is cleaner than before, a flag is unlikely to fly over the bay until 2009.

Failure

Tom Bell, of the Marine Conservation Society, said: "In my opinion, Viking Bay is unlikely to get a blue flag for summer 2008 as it failed to meet the standards for one in 2007. It's just the way it works."

Last year heavy rainfall blighted the bay's blue flag tests.

Downpours meant that surface water and



OUT OF BEACH: Despite treatment facility upgrades, testing practices mean Viking Bay could fail to achieve a blue flag

run-off from road drains was a key factor in the bay's water being recorded as below par.

The news is an undoubted blow for the Broadstairs tourist industry.

A blue flag giving a true reflection of the water quality could be a year late and not in place for the coming tourist season.

Many traders believe that a flag is a highly important way to attract tourists to the town

and that without it trade can be severely hit.

Viking Bay is the only stretch of Thanet's coast tested by the Environment Agency not to hold a blue flag.

The seven other tested areas all currently hold a flag and should continue to do so now the Weatherlees Hill wastewater treatment facility is in operation. It has greatly improved the quality of water released into the sea.

Anger at teen pregnancy rate

THE Conservative parliamentary candidate for Thanet South has attacked the Government's record on teenage pregnancy.

Speaking after the publication of a report into teenage pregnancies which showed Britain has the highest rates in the western world, she said:

"In Thanet we have a particular problem with such a high number of teenage pregnancies and this report shows that the £150 million spent on aiming to curb these pregnancies has failed."

The report shows an increase of 47,000 pregnancies a year.

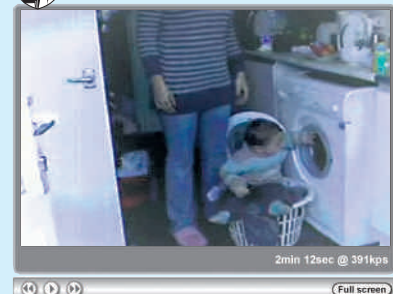
Mrs Sandys added: "We need to support families, take advice from schools and colleges, fund voluntary groups and bring the community back into the frame in tackling these problems. Top-down initiatives from Whitehall are proven not to work."

"In Thanet we have educational professionals who know and see the problem day in day out and I would like to ask them what support they and the families need to address this growing problem."

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Champions to compete off harbour

RAMSGATE Royal Harbour is to host a prestigious water-skiing championship in the summer.

The European Water Skiing Championships 2008 will take place for a week from Saturday, July 5, to the following Saturday.

Skiers from nations all over the Continent will descend on the town to compete in Formula 1, 2 and 3 events in mens, ladies, seniors, juniors and childrens categories during the seven-day championships.

Cllr Roger Latchford, cabinet member for culture and economy, has hailed the news as a "great coup" for the town.

An opening ceremony will be held in the form of a parade, and competitors should include the likes of Kim Lumley, ladies world championship silver medallist.

Tony Williams, British Water Ski chairman of racing and GB team captain, said: "We're really looking forward to bringing the championships home."

"We are very lucky to have the marina helping us and the waters off Ramsgate should prove to be very challenging and enjoyable for the skiers. It's also an excellent spectator sport."

Bargain hunters make sure stores end year on high

A POST-CHRISTMAS bargain hunt saw thousands more people head to Westwood Cross shopping centre than at the same time last year.

Despite talk of a recession and even a warning from the Prime Minister that 2008 looks like being a tough economic year, shoppers in the isle seemed undeterred from splashing the cash.

Even after the festivities of Christmas had ended, the number of shoppers to hit stores rose by 23 per cent as customers took advantage of the sales.

From Boxing Day to December 30, 2006, 72,000 people crossed the entrance, but over the same five-day period in 2007 that number rose to 88,764.

That is a jump of more than 6,000. Although it has just released its worst financial report in two years, Marks and Spencer at the Thanet site seems to have had a good festive period, too.

Store manager Heather Johnston

said: "We are thrilled with how successful our sales trading has been."

"However, I wouldn't say it has come as a huge surprise because we had a packed store leading up to Christmas, with customers making the most of our extended opening hours."

The figures are even more impressive when it is considered that one of the days in 2007 was a Sunday, when stores are open for a shorter period.

The ring of cash registers has also been music to the ears of other tenants.

Mandy Hewlitt, store manager at Select, said: "The sale has gone extremely well and our new season stock is flying out of the door."

David Plumb, Westwood Cross's general manager, added: "Obviously we are delighted to be able to report a huge increase in the number of shoppers choosing Westwood Cross as their sales destination."

"It is great news for us and even better news for our tenants."

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Purse taken in car park attack

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a woman was robbed by a man who threatened to stab her.

The 21-year-old woman was approached by a man asking for a pound coin for his trolley at Tesco in Cliftonville at about 7.40pm on Thursday last week.

When she told him she didn't have one, he followed her to her car and threatened to stab her.

The woman handed over her purse and the robber and another man drove off in a car towards Devonshire Gardens.

The car crashed at the end of the road and the men fled the scene.

Anyone who may have witnessed the robbery or the accident is asked to phone police on 01843 231055 and quote reference 000352.

Alternatively, you can phone Crimestoppers confidentially on 0800 555 111.

Burglar raided 18 properties

A BURGLAR will learn his fate when he is sentenced at crown court.

Steven Hatton, of Westfield Road, Margate, admitted breaking into 18 homes in the Westbrook area since the end of November.

The 22-year-old was remanded in custody at Thanet court on Monday last week.

Det Insp Tony Pledger said: "This case demonstrated excellent detective work by our officers.

"It sends a clear message to anyone thinking of attempting burglary in Thanet that their activities will not be tolerated and police will track them down."

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Getting itchy feet? Take a look at the isle's property market

Theatre group won't die without a fight

CHALKFOOT theatre group's outreach director believes that it is putting together a strong appeal against funding cuts likely to end its existence.

However, Claudia Leaf fears that no matter how good a case the group puts forward, it will be a struggle to win over Arts Council England (ACE), which has told the group it will no longer provide its three-year funding package.

She said: "We believe we have a strong case, but in the light of ACE's determination to pursue a new policy for the public arts we're not particularly hopeful the appeal will be successful."

Any appeal the group makes must be based on errors in ACE's annual review process.

She said: "We cannot simply go to them and say 'Look what we've got' and 'Look what you would lose'. We can only go on the basis of them not following their guidelines and I think I have sufficient evidence of that."

■ BY TOM BETTS

Mrs Leaf also says that ACE has been inaccurate with its version of events.

She said: "We were not told of any concerns until we'd received our annual review document on October 31 telling us where we had been going wrong, and it was not until December 12 that we learnt funding was going to be cut."

An ACE spokesman said: "We review our funded organisations on a yearly basis to ensure they're meeting the conditions of their funding agreements and performing to the high standards we expect from publicly-funded organisations."

"We first raised concerns with Chalkfoot at its annual review meeting in October 2006, suggesting the company should consider professional development to ensure it produced work of sustained quality."

"At the annual review on September 7, 2007, we once again raised our concerns about this."

She added: "As the national development agency for the arts we have a responsibility to support only the highest-quality, most bold and innovative work. Choosing not to renew an organisation's funding is a difficult decision, but when it is taken it is because we believe the money can be better spent elsewhere."

"We remain committed to supporting high-quality art in Kent and across the South East to ensure we meet our ambition of bringing the best work to the widest audience."

Chalkfoot has published letters of support and disappointment about the funding cuts on its website, www.chalkfoot.org.uk.

Among the many letters of protest directed to Mike Hill, KCC's cabinet member for community services, Jean Ryan, from Ash, said: "I have been constantly amazed at the company's ability to arrive, unload, set up and then give a thoroughly polished and thought-provoking show – all on a shoestring."

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THE SHOWS MUST GO ON

Chalkfoot Theatre Arts is the touring arm of the Channel Theatre Company.

The four-year-old, Margate-based group travels Kent and Sussex staging live productions in rural areas – often in unorthodox settings.

The aim is to take live theatre to those who may not usually have the opportunity to see it due to travel or cost issues.

Past productions have included subject matter as diverse as Peter Pan, The Tempest and The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists, which it even took to Dublin.

In 2007, Chalkfoot played to more than 27,000 people in villages and other venues across the region.

The group's outreach programme works with schools and other groups to tackle issues such as racism and drug use, using venues such as Margate's Theatre Royal.

• Pictured are the Chalkfoot team of artistic director Philip Dart, outreach director Claudia Leaf and administrator Edward De Souza.



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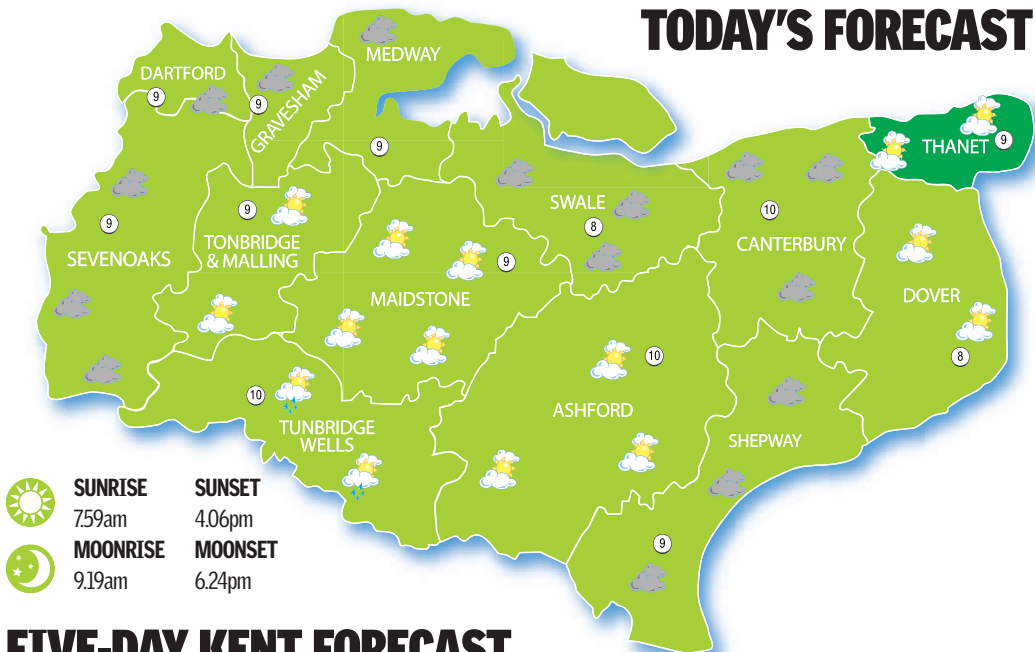
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TODAY'S FORECAST



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	1:24pm	5.7m
	Sunday	2:01pm	5.8m
Dover	Saturday	11:33am	6.2m
	Sunday	12:09pm	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:33am	7.2m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:03pm	4.7m
	Sunday	12:39pm	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:14pm	5.5m
	Sunday	1:51pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:19pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:56pm	5.1m



SUNRISE 7.59am
SUNSET 4.06pm
MOONRISE 9.19am
MOONSET 6.24pm

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C	Gravesend	9°C	12°C	10°C	7°C	10°C
Canterbury	9°C	11°C	10°C	8°C	9°C	Maidstone	9°C	12°C	11°C	7°C	10°C
Chatham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Ramsgate	9°C	11°C	10°C	8°C	9°C
Dartford	9°C	12°C	10°C	7°C	10°C	Rochester	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Sevenoaks	8°C	10°C	8°C	6°C	8°C
Faversham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Tonbridge	9°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C
Gillingham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Tun Wells	9°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	8°C	Madrid	11°C
Athens	12°C	New York	7°C
Barcelona	16°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	5°C	Rome	16°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	9°C	Tokyo	12°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	5°C
Hong Kong	23°C	Warsaw	0°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	21°C

Blast at council over homeless

MP STEVE LADYMAN has been invited to join the Thanet sub-committee of the Scrine Foundation's board of trustees... and criticised the council into the bargain.

The charity provides vital services, care and counselling to help some of the most vulnerable and needy members of society, including the homeless and those with mental health and drug issues, to get back on track.

The Thanet South Labour MP joins Thanet North MP Roger Gale on the sub-committee which looks at issues affecting Thanet directly.

Dr Ladyman said: "The area needs an organisation like the Scrine Foundation. I'm delighted to have been asked to get involved with them and I'll be happy to help out in any way I can."

The MP also blasted Thanet District Council as he says its support of the homeless in the area is lacking.

"It's a tragedy the council have not continued the funding they have given them previously. They seem to think that if they pretend that there aren't any homeless people out there then there won't be. Either that or they will go to the Canterbury centre for help."

He added: "The reality is that we have people sleeping on our beaches and people in sub-standard accommodation and they need organisations such as the foundation."

The Scrine Foundation is looking to raise £110,000 this year so it can keep its day centre open all year round. The council stopped funding the organisation last year.

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Q How did you get involved with the alcohol service?

A I joined the alcohol service in 1979, having worked as a mental health nurse in general psychiatry. I'd become interested in treatment approaches at Mount Zeehan in Canterbury and learnt that working with problem drinkers was rewarding and productive.

Q What is the role of the alcohol service?

A The service has two functions. Firstly, it provides services to those affected by the use of alcohol and those who suffer the consequences of drinking by others. The second role is to provide support, training and advice to professionals who deal with alcohol misuse such as doctors, social workers and probation officers.

Q What do you provide?

A We provide a range of services throughout east Kent, including different types of group treatment, individual help and help for families. We are able to accept self-referrals to the service and help is free and confidential. The main aim is to help people to help themselves.

Q Is there a problem with alcohol in Kent?

A A recent study showed that levels of alcohol consumption in Kent are relatively high compared with other parts of England. Alcohol problems occur across the country

and have powerful consequences both for society and the individual. We have a national problem with alcohol and this is reflected as much in Kent as in any other part of England.

Q Have you seen an rise in alcohol addiction in the county?

A The numbers who seek and are referred for help have never been higher. The rise in demand for treatment exceeds growth in the population; more people are seeking help for drinking problems than in previous years.

Much of the problematic alcohol use remains hidden and cannot be measured accurately in terms of the number of people approaching specialist agencies for help. Alcohol is cheaper and more widely available and we know people are drinking heavily at younger ages. It seems likely the number of people with alcohol problems in Kent will continue to increase.

Q What advice can you give to people who are worried about their drinking habits?

A It's important to recognise alcohol problems can be solved with or without specialist help. There are many things which people can do to reduce their consumption, such as keeping a record of consumption and trying to reduce this, and talking to someone who is trusted. If people are concerned they cannot reduce their consumption, it is easy to get help.

The staff at the alcohol service can give advice. Although some people find they will need to stop drinking completely, many others can reduce their consumption to levels which

are no longer problematic, although it can be a good idea to have a few weeks without alcohol.

Q What can friends and family do to help?

A It can be very stressful to be around someone who is drinking too much, but friends and family should try to be honest with the person who is drinking by expressing their concerns and offering to help where they can.

It is important not to take responsibility away from the individual drinker and to recognise that each individual must make their own choices. It is seldom a good idea to discuss such matters when someone is actually drunk.

Q Do you have any advice for people who may be concerned about their drinking over the recent holiday period?

A For many people, alcohol will have formed part of their celebrations with no lasting difficulties. Some people drink more during the festive period than normal and simple measures such as alternating with non-alcoholic drinks, not drinking on an empty stomach and not drinking too early in the day can help.

If people did over-indulge, it is a good idea to follow this with a period of reduced drinking, or not drinking at all, to allow the body to recover.

A good piece of general advice is to check that alcohol is being used to enhance celebrations, rather than using the celebrations as an excuse for increased drinking.

• The Kent & Medway Alcohol Service can be contacted by telephoning 01227 761310

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Bill Reading, head of Kent and Medway Alcohol Services, talks to Rob Livingstone about Kent's growing problem with alcohol, and what can be done to assuage it, as well as explaining where to turn for help

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Anger at county council pension fund's arms shares

THE Green Party has launched a blistering attack on Kent County Council's policy on investments for its pension fund, branding it "foul and deplorable".

It has accused the local authority of "unacceptable standards" because it invests in arms, tobacco and oil companies.

According to the campaigners, KCC shareholdings include £13.9 million in BAE Systems – the world's fourth largest arms manufacturer – £14m in tobacco and a massive £91.8m in oil.

A spokesman for the authority confirmed the figures were correct when asked by

■ BY NICK AMES

Yourthanet. These investments have been slammed as "unethical" by the Green Party.

Spokesman Stuart Jeffrey said: "We had high hopes that county councillors would find an ounce of conscience in their souls, but we were sadly wrong."

"Investing in arms is not just unethical, it is foul and deplorable. These arms kill people – civilians and soldiers."

"There is no excuse for taxpayers' money to be used to fund death and destruction."

"Ethical investments are now out-performing unethical ones, so there is no excuse for holding them."

"Allowing KCC investments of this nature should surely fall into the category of unacceptable standards in public life."

But the county council hit back, pointing out that it is one of the few local authorities in the country taking serious notice of the climate change threat.

Climate change

Cabinet member for finance Nick Chard said: "KCC manages the £2.6 billion Kent Pension Fund for about 200 public sector employers in the county."

"The scheme has about 40,000 members and 50,000 pensioners."

"Around £2 billion is invested in company

stocks and shares around the world. The investment managers are appointed by KCC and their investment decisions are closely monitored."

"Where necessary, we would take action if they made any investment which was thought to be inappropriate."

"KCC is open to requests for information and the fund's main holdings are published in the annual report."

The spokesman added: "At the same time Kent County Council is one of only a few local authority pension funds to join the International Investors Group on Climate Change as this is being seen as the big issue for the future."

Road improvements will reduce traffic congestion

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problem is not just ambulances reaching emergency calls, but also of GPs getting to patients.

"There are other issues involved such as transfer of patients – some cases need to be transferred from Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital to specialist units at Canterbury."

"So times for moving patients in critical conditions to places where treatment is better are being affected as well."

"Then there are the fire engines and police. All the emergency services' response times are being hit."

A spokeswoman for South East Coast Ambulance Service said:

"Traffic congestion is an issue for many towns across the county at certain times of the day or year, and near the Westwood Cross shopping centre is no exception."

"We, like other emergency services, respond to the road conditions as they present themselves, while ensuring the safety and well-being of any patient in care."

KCC has recently secured funding for the A254, notably in the Pearce Signs roundabout area.

A spokeswoman said: "The county council is developing a transport plan for the Westwood area and, as part of that, a large number of highway improvements are already planned to reduce congestion and improve safety."

Footballer played on with broken leg

A SUNDAY league footballer played on through the pain barrier after breaking his leg in a match.

Matthew Little, player-manager of Belmonte Thanet Sunday League Division 3 side Blacksole Rovers, couldn't bear to let his team-mates play out the rest of the game with just 10 men, so he clambered back on to the pitch to see out the fixture.

He said: "We didn't have any substitutes, so I decided to try to play it out. It was painful, but my team-mates didn't believe I had broken any bones anyway. I knew I had, but they just told me to run it off!"

The 27-year-old student teacher, who plays at centre-back, broke his fibia while tackling an opposition player during the first half.

He initially stepped off the pitch to nurse his injury at Garlinge playing fields but minutes later came back on

– completing the rest of the game and even almost scoring into the bargain.

He said: "After I came back on I went up for a header from a corner and got my head to it, but the keeper made a point-blank save. On landing, though, I heard the leg crack again, which confirmed my worst suspicions."

"I was in agony after that. I've certainly had better days!"

Despite the player-manager's heroics, his team still lost the game 3-2 to Thanet Leisureforce.

Matthew's leg was plastered by nurses at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital later that evening. He is now in a full leg cast and hobbling around on crutches.

He faces a six week lay-off from his job teaching in Ashford.

"It's a total nightmare," he said. "I'm a pretty active person, so being like this is incredibly frustrating."



TEAM PLAYER: Defender Matthew Little

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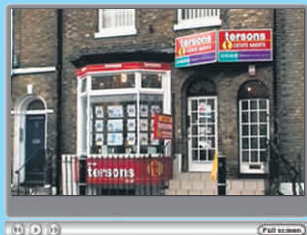
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POWER TALK: Protestors say eight times more electricity could be generated from offshore wind farms than is produced at present so a new generation of nuclear plants is not needed

Nuclear decision putting the wind up green campaigners

PLANS to build a new nuclear power station in Kent have been criticised as a costly waste of resources by campaigners.

Kent Green Party wants the Government to abandon its support of nuclear power and turn to sustainable supplies of energy like offshore wind farms.

It says a new nuclear plant at Dungeness would generate electricity at twice the price of offshore wind turbines.

The environmental campaigners have also warned that any companies involved in building the new station will face boycott action.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "Every £1 spent on energy conservation is seven times as effective at cutting greenhouse gas emissions as every £1 spent on nuclear power.

"The Government is lying when it says nuclear is a low-carbon technology, as mining uranium is very energy-intensive.

"The private and public money lavished on

■ BY JON COATES

nuclear power could create more sustainable jobs throughout Kent, rather than a costly new nuclear power station at Dungeness."

Mr Dawe pointed out that the British Wind Energy Association has said that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we use now from offshore wind alone.

"The employment potential for Ramsgate as a port serving the offshore wind industry is apparent," he added. "But energy conservation, according to the Association for the Conservation of Energy, could cut UK energy use by half. It could also provide more employment in every Kent district.

"Similarly, better payments to householders for electricity they produce would lead to more renewable energy schemes for housing and more jobs."

On Thursday, the Government gave the green light for a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Business secretary John Hutton said new plants should be built to safeguard future energy supply: "New nuclear power should have a role to play in the future energy mix."

But Mr Dawe warned new nuclear power stations will still create waste which is difficult and costly to dispose of: "The Government's consultation documents suggest the problems associated with nuclear waste have been resolved, but scientists dispute this.

"Claims that consumers will not have to pay for new nuclear power stations are open to challenge, as costs associated with any new road or rail infrastructure for new stations are likely to be met by the taxpayer.

"Also it has recently been revealed that the costs of decommissioning old nuclear power stations and dealing with existing nuclear waste are likely to be placed on taxpayers through electricity bills, which have been rising steadily with oil and gas price increases.

"We argue that since nuclear power is only expected to deliver a four per cent carbon cut after 2025, it is a waste of resources."

Appointment is big news for business at KOS Media

KOS MEDIA has appointed a business editor with a Fleet Street background to edit Kent on Sunday's new business section.

Tony Patey will take charge of business coverage in the award-winning Sunday title, the Saturday edition and the company's midweek newspapers, broadband TV channel and websites.

Mr Patey was city reporter for the Daily Mirror from 1973 to 1987. He was later business and economics correspondent for The European from 1993 to 1997.

The move follows the appointment of Richard Parsons as KOS Media's business publisher. He has taken charge of the commercial side of the section.

Mr Parsons is the former publisher of the Kent Messenger Group's business supplement.

Prior to this, he was responsible for various international markets divisions for ANZ Investment Bank.

Mr Patey said: "Joining an award-winning newspaper with high ambitions is a great challenge – and I'm looking forward to making what I hope will be a positive contribution.

"I aim to use all the benefits and potential of multi-media to make our coverage of business and personal finance in Kent the best there is."

Mr Parsons added: "The group has made a significant commitment to business within the county.

"Tony joining the team is good news and we look forward to delivering hard-hitting business news and comment every week within a unique but comprehensive and rich business portfolio."

The new section is inside today's paper and will grow later in the year.

The company will soon launch a new website, called businessforkent.co.uk, which will feature constantly-updated business news and TV features.

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Virtual solution to the poo problem is cheap and easy

A SUNNY Boxing Day had brought out a big crowd to stroll along the Ramsgate Westcliff.

I'm lucky enough to live just a short walk from the Royal Esplanade, arguably one of the loveliest streets in this small town.

My family joined the throngs carefully tiptoeing along the cliff-top, enjoying the warm sun on our faces.

We stopped from time to time to look up from the floor and take in the view: the sun, the sea, the people paddling on the beach far below.

The throngs seemed to consist overwhelmingly of people walking their dogs, or dogs walking their people. Many of the dogs were not on leads, just running freely. My husband commented that he could not believe so many people had dogs.

And indeed what a shame this leisurely walk was spoilt by so many inconsiderate dog-owners. We had to tread very carefully – every few steps were punctuated by a call to "Mind the poo!"

This was not the work of one or two dogs, but

of many. This beautiful half-mile car-free stretch could be ideal for young children riding their new Christmas tricycles, pushing their dolls' prams, trying their roller-skates, or just running around.

The excrement ensured it was not suitable for children with or without toys. I kept my youngster close to me, holding my hand, with our heads looking down all the way.

What kind of dog-owners would be so thoughtless?

I have a few theories. Perhaps it is the dogs not on leads which are responsible for the mess, and their owners are oblivious to the defecation habits of these creatures.

We found a clue when we turned into the road near The Look Out Café, Pugin's house and the lift down to the beach.

Car-parking congestion suggested many of these Boxing Day walkers were not local, not within walking distance anyway. Perhaps there is now so much dog poop along their own streets that they no longer want to walk there.

Perhaps they choose to bring their dog for a walk far from home so they can leave dog mess

on the pavement and grass without it spoiling their locality.

I have two brilliant ideas on how we could improve the situation, although I am sure there are others I've simply not thought of.

Firstly, what about banning dogs from the cliff-tops and other beauty spots? I don't mind if we include parks in this, too. It seems to work well on the beaches in summer.

Alternatively, dog-owners could get rid of these pets, which they seem to find so troublesome. Living dogs are now readily replaceable by virtual pets, which work out cheaper and easier to look after in the long run.

After doing some brain-training, you can change games in your Nintendo DS and then take your virtual dog for a walk, train it, play with it and feed it. Of course, even a virtual dog poos, but virtual poo does not smell – it disappears with a mere tap of your wand.

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Greeters, unpaid volunteers who have a good local knowledge of their allocated areas, will now be on hand to guide visitors who book appointments around the isle's places of interest.

The experts take into account the tourists' interests and recommend days out and areas they might find interesting.

The Thanet Greeters project has been set up by Kent Tourism and Thanet council.

It is modelled on the successful Big Apple Greeter project in New York and is one of the first of its kind in Europe.

MBE is awarded to child abuse investigator



A HARD-WORKING member of Thanet's police force was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Det Chief Insp Rob Vinson, 40, who is based at Margate police station, was recognised for his work in helping to bring justice to the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific.

Allegations of child abuse and sexual assaults on the island surfaced years ago and Rob was one of the officers who spent many hours there finding out the truth over a six-year period from 2000.

Following a highly complex investigation, nine men were eventually jailed in a case that made headlines around the world.

Det Chief Insp Vinson, who lives in Broadstairs with his wife and two children, said: "Many thought that I was living it up in paradise, having so much fun, but it was anything but."

"It was intense and exhausting work in great isolation in a place that could be volatile. This was my focus for more than six years. That commitment was personally not easy."

"The real heroes were the victims who

INTENSE: Det Chief Insp Rob Vinson spent six years investigating allegations of sex abuse in Pitcairn Island

stood firm to tell their stories. This was the silent voice of Pitcairn finally heard and believed."

Det Chief Insp Vinson said he was "staggered" to be awarded the honour.

Det Chief Insp Vinson manages a youth football team in his spare time.

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A draft agreement of the Kent Choice Based Lettings Partnership was recently passed, meaning all authorities have to introduce choice-based lettings by 2010.

These are new ways to allocate homes to those seeking housing from the council or registered social landlords. Accommodation for key workers and shared ownership schemes are also covered by the scheme.

Under the new system, all council housing and housing association properties available will be put in a brochure and posted on the internet. People will then be able to text or phone to bid to rent a property. The person with the highest priority will win the bid.

The brochure that follows will tell people how the properties have been dispensed.

Under the plans, authorities across the county would form a partnership to run the scheme, with the possibility of a contract being entered into in 2008.

Cllr Zita Wiltshire, cabinet member for housing, said: "This will bring many benefits, not least that it will give prospective tenants more choice and control."

She added: "This should help to make the whole process more transparent and efficient. From the council's perspective, it should also help to speed up the time taken to re-let our properties and improve the letting of any low-demand properties that we may have."

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TALK TIME

RYAN HOSKING

Ryan Hosking, 29, is co-owner of Total Window Cleaning based in Westgate-on-Sea.



I expect it's hard work cleaning windows in winter
To be honest it's a nightmare on the hands – the summer months are so much easier. I have tried all the gadgets and gizmos, such as special gloves you can buy, but none ever really work. You just have to suffer it, really. Rain is also a window cleaner's enemy. It can be frustrating being in a trade where you're at the total mercy of the ever-changeable British weather!

How long have you been in Thanet?

I have lived here for about six months. I'm from Herne Bay originally, but my girlfriend and I recently bought a house here as it is more affordable. I really like the area. A lot of people knock Thanet for various reasons, but I've not had any problems yet and, if anything, I find the people a little friendlier. I love the bays and beaches – they're excellent.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I row with Herne Bay Amateur Coastal Rowing Club. It's a great sport and my passion in life. I have rowed since I was a kid and have won the Biddeford Bowl, one of coastal rowing's biggest prizes, as part of a coxed crew of four. I count it as my greatest achievement and proudest moment. I also like football. I support Manchester United and occasionally turn out for a local Sunday league side Blacksole Rovers who play in the Thanet leagues. Tirathalons are something I'm interested in, too. I am training to compete in my first one.

What do you have in store for 2008?

My business partner, Darren, and I want to expand our business in Thanet. We have a lot of work in the Canterbury district, but we both live over this way now so want to get more regular work here. We have a pole system to clean high windows so want to put it to more use in this area.

YOUR LETTERS

Thanks a lot – now you can be involved

I would like to thank Independent Action Party councillors John Worrow, Jean Fleming and Jack Cohen for helping me set up the Birchington and Westgate Planning Watch Residents Committee.

It is a breath of fresh air to see that at last Birchington Parish Council has some councillors who get stuck in and put the interests of the residents first.

With Thanet District Council's deputy leader being a member of Birchington Parish Council, it has been said that it has become one of the most politically active local councils in Thanet.

And now with a second political party represented under the leadership of Cllr John Worrow, it is also a much more balanced council.

As I am president of Independent Action, Cllr John Worrow has asked me to attend the next public meeting of Birchington Parish Council, at which I look forward to seeing residents from across Thanet.

Meetings are held at 7pm on the last Monday of the month at the parish council office at the back of the betting shop at 34 The Square, Birchington.

Charlie Goddard
President, Thanet Independent Action

As requested – the facts on Fort Hill

So the Conservatives say I should stick to the facts when talking about the de-dualling of Fort Hill in Margate and in relation to any future



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development of the Rendezvous car park site (last week's Yourthanet). Well, here goes:

Fact 1: On page 11 of the Rendezvous Marketing Plan document, it indicates through a map a large area at cliff-top level marked in red and explains that this area will potentially be made available for development when Fort Hill has been de-dualled.

Fact 2: At paragraph 3.7, the

document makes further reference to the possibility of a cliff-top development.

Fact 3: The report from Kent Highway Services on the de-dualling of Fort Hill says "the nature of the scheme is such that specific consultation has not been appropriate".

Fact 4: To date, neither TDC nor KCC has made any proposals in relation to the provision of

public parking for the proposed Turner Contemporary. Indeed, at several public events residents have been told this simply isn't necessary.

Fact 5: I am an elected Labour councillor for Margate and Cliftonville, and I would be failing in my representative duties if I did not voice my sincere concerns about these issues which seriously affect my direct area of responsibility.

Fact 6: The Conservative councillors asking me to stick to the facts are councillors for Birchington (Alasdair Bruce) and Broadstairs (Ewen Cameron).

Cllr Clive Hart

KCC member for Margate and Cliftonville

Healthy eating for a healthy year

I am writing to wish readers a happy and a healthy new year on behalf of everyone at World Cancer Research Fund.

Many of us have good intentions about becoming healthier in the new year.

But as well as being a time of year when people tend to focus on healthy eating, they do not necessarily want to spend hours in the kitchen preparing dishes.

So to help people keep their motivation going through the cold weather, we are offering a free copy of our Simple Suppers cookbook to the first 100 people who phone to request one on 020 7343 4205.

Full of recipes for quick and tasty dishes, it also uses inexpensive ingredients, which means that readers can enjoy healthy meals this winter without putting a strain on the wallets.

Lisa Cooney
World Cancer Research Fund

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Let's put our Tracey on London plinth

I know it will be slated.

I know that up, down and across Thanet many residents will be rolling their eyes, maybe even a little embarrassed.

And I know that, if commissioned, it will be called a waste of money by many of our nation's populace.

But, despite all this, I am rather taken with Tracey Emin's idea of putting a meerkat family on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square.

I'm not sure why I like it, but when I saw the mock-up on the news the other night it brought a smile to my face and in a world filled with war and killing (what a horrid start to 2008 it has been, with the events in Kenya), that is priceless.

And, besides, anything would be better than the current multi-coloured Meccano-like structure that is currently on show.

Well done Tracy, and good luck!

P Thackery
Broadstairs

No good reason for Japanese whale hunt

Japan says it has suspended plans to kill humpback whales – but it will go ahead with the slaughter of thousands of other whales.

This is not good enough – it needs to turn its fleet back to port as soon as possible.

I wrote a letter in November appealing to Thanet's two MPs and every councillor, from parish to

county, to condemn this action with one voice.

There has been worldwide condemnation of the hunt, with the United Kingdom among the nations lodging a joint diplomatic protest with the government of Japan.

I would once again like to appeal to the isle's MPs and indeed everyone reading this to keep up the pressure as it appears that the hunt has only been temporarily abandoned. There is no credible reason for anyone to hunt whales.

Cllr John Worrow
Leader of Thanet Independent Action

Have a heart to show how much you care

Join top celebrities and show the world you care with a British Heart Foundation Love Note.

This Valentine's Day, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) is getting to the heart of the community in Kent and encouraging locals to join top celebrities like Dame Helen Mirren (pictured), Graham Norton and Fearnie Cotton in writing a Love Note to post in their local BHF shop window. All money raised will go to the BHF Valentine Appeal, which aims to raise £1 million to help fund essential BHF Heart Nurses and the BHF's Heart HelpLine.

With the celebrity help, and support from the people of Thanet, the BHF is hoping to make this year's Love Note Campaign the biggest in its seven-year history.

In the UK today, there are more than 2.6 million people living with coronary heart disease.

For some, this can be frightening and debilitating, and many don't always receive the support and care

that they need. Last year, BHF Heart Nurses were able to help 50,000 of these heart patients and the charity's Heart HelpLine provided support and information to 13,000 callers.

So to back the new campaign it couldn't be easier! Simply walk into your local BHF shop and, for a



suggested donation of £1, write a Love Note with your romantic message to post in the shop window for all to see. For a truly unique way to catch someone's eye this Valentine's, you can even add a picture of you and your loved one!

For those with a really big heart, you can donate £2 for a new, larger-size, sparkly Love Note for that extra-special message.

Businesses can also pledge support by sponsoring a special bronze (£10), silver (£20) or gold (£50) Love Note to place in a prominent position in our shop windows.

Sponsorship of just one gold Love Note could help BHF to pay for two hours of specialist care from a BHF Heart Nurse.

Maria Sullivan
British Heart Foundation

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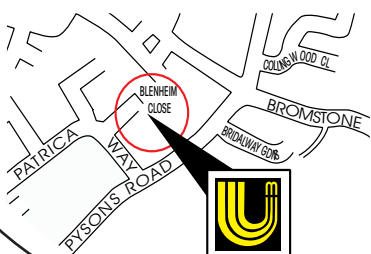
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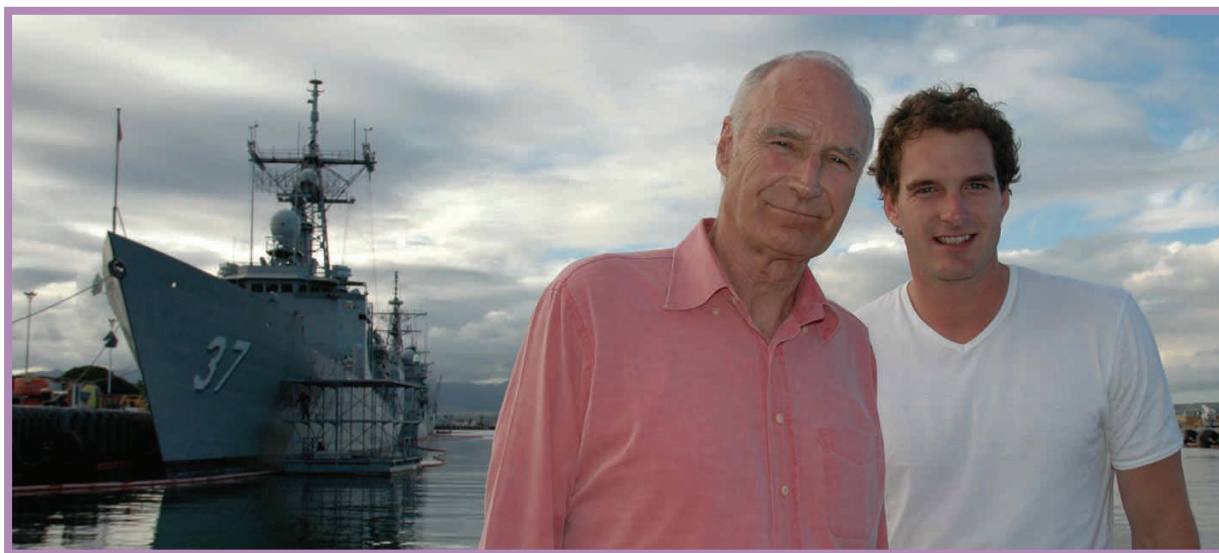
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IN THE FAMILY: Peter Snow and his son Dan are coming to the county to share some of the experiences from their fascinating lives in and away from media

Father and son swing into town

War, politics and media tales... in one evening

AN EVENING in the company of Peter and Dan Snow should go with a swing when they visit Kent later this month.

The father-and-son team will be entertaining the audience with numerous tales about their lives and work together, including the BBC series Battlefield Britain and 20th Century Battlefields.

In the second part of the show, they will be taking questions from the audience. With such varied and impressive careers, both should make fascinating interviewees.

Peter 'Swingometer' Snow was born in Dublin in 1938, the son of a British army officer and an Irish surgeon. His extended family includes a number of interesting characters, including his cousin, news presenter Jon Snow, and his Canadian historian sister-in-law, Margaret MacMillan.

He was educated in England and did his National Service with the Somerset Light Infantry from 1956-58. After studying for a degree in classics, ancient history and philoso-

phy at Oxford University, Snow joined ITN as a scriptwriter and reporter.

In 1966, he was appointed diplomatic and defence correspondent and spent the next 10 years reporting from around the globe.

During this time he wrote a book about the Palestinian airliner hijack crisis and a biography of King Hussein of Jordan.

He presented election and live political coverage at ITN during the 70s but left to join the BBC, where he became one of the first presenters of Newsnight when it started in 1980.

For many years, viewers have enjoyed Peter's excitable presenting style and his imaginative use of props and graphics to illustrate stories. He will always be associated with the Swingometer, a device he used to demonstrate how election results were developing.

Peter stepped down from his electoral duties three years ago to concentrate on journalism. Since then, he has taken part in a number of history, sport and current affairs programmes, as well as presenting Masterteam on BBC Radio 4.

PETER AND DAN SNOW

Thursday, January 31
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



Dan, 29, has scarcely had a less exciting career. He attended the same college as his father at Oxford University, where he earned a first-class honours degree in modern history and rowed in the University Boat Race three times, being on the winning side in 2000.

Father and son sailed across the Atlantic together in 2001, during which a crew-member had to be airlifted off the yacht, and Dan acted as captain for the return leg.

As well as presenting two history series and a one-off programme about the Battle of El Alamein with his father, Dan has appeared solo on the BBC's One Show, made a number of other history programmes and won a Sony Award in 2003 for his part in the LBC Boat Race coverage.

An Audience with Peter and Dan Snow starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15.

Phone 01227 787787, or book online at www.marlowetheatre.com.

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PHIL NICHOL

Tuesday, January 22
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ACCLAIMED comedian Phil Nichol will be bringing his unique brand of high-octane story-telling to Canterbury this month.

The award-winning stand-up leaves audiences both shocked and uplifted. His new show, Hiro Worship, promises to be just as entertaining as previous tours. Having already discussed subjects as diverse as nude bigots, jazz ballet and substance-fuelled lost weekends, what will he say next?

In 2002, Nichol's Edinburgh show Things I Like, I Lick was nominated for the Perrier award. Since then, he has been nominated for three Chortle Awards and he won the if.comedy Award (formerly the Perrier Award) in 2006.

The accomplished actor has starred as Philip Salon in the Boy George musical Taboo in the West End, as well as appearing in BBC Two's Broken News and Rob Brydon's BBC Three series, Annually Retentive.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £13/£11.

To book, phone the box office on 01227 769075, or alternatively visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



THANET LEISURE

Journey into dance at the Winter Gardens

EXPERIENCE a Wonderful Journey Into Dance at the Winter Gardens, Margate, this weekend.

The Masque Theatre School of Broadstairs presents a fantastic show on Saturday and Sunday, January 19-20. Performances start at 7.30pm on Saturday and 2.30pm Sunday.

Find out more about the school at www.masquetheatreschool.com.

Empire building will be revived in lecture

DISCOVER the life and art of Georgian Dublin at a lecture with the Thanet Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

Tom Duncan will be talking about 18th-century Dublin, which at that time was the second city of the emerging British Empire, at St Peter's Church Hall in Broadstairs on Thursday, January 17. The lecture will start at 2.30pm and finish with tea and biscuits at about 4pm.

Find out more about the society online at www.nadfaskentarea.org.uk.

Band promise to be Live 'n' Kickin at Brit gig

FANS of classic rock can enjoy an evening of live music at the Britannia Inn in Margate.

Live 'n' Kickin perform well-loved hits along with contemporary tracks by the likes of Green Day, Kaiser Chiefs and Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band will be performing at the pub in Fort Hill on Saturday, January 19.

For gig details, phone the pub on 01843 223269. Find out more about the band at www.livenkickin.co.uk.

It's a Hard Road, but it's full of great music

LIVE blues music can be enjoyed at the Belle Vue Hotel in Northdown Road, Cliftonville, on Saturday, January 19.

Hard Road Blues Band also plays classic rock and R'n'B. The four members are all experienced musicians with a professional approach to great music.

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Music will be provided by The Johann Strauss Orchestra, directed from the

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Martene Grimson will be adding her superb soprano voice to the sounds of the orchestra.

The performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are from £15 to £26. To book, phone 0870 4000 890, or visit www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

MARLOWE YOUTH THEATRE

Tuesday evenings
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

BUDDING young performers are invited to join the new-look Marlowe Youth Theatre.

The theatre is pleased to announce a new collaboration with the Whippersnapper Theatre Company, which will be leading the weekly Tuesday evening sessions.

This week saw the relaunch of the youth theatre, which now offers many benefits for members, including discounted tickets and the chance to perform on The Marlowe's stage.

Whippersnapper is a Canterbury-based company which performed at last summer's theatre open day,



works regularly with local schools and had a critically-acclaimed run at last year's Canterbury Festival.

Two age-grouped sessions are held at St Peter's Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings, developing skills in improvisation, characterisation and story-

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Rumpled, but not very cute

BY ROBIN WALKER

PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN has a rumpled awkwardness about him that makes him an unlikely film star and that's a significant part of his appeal.

"A lot of people describe me as chubby or tow-headed," muses the theatre-trained New Yorker. "I'm never described in attractive ways. I'm waiting for somebody to say I'm at least cute, but nobody has."

That hasn't stopped him being one of the most sought-after character actors in the business – particularly since his performance as Truman Capote in *Capote*, which won him a Best Actor Academy Award in 2006.

In January he's in no fewer than three films, with leading roles in Sydney Lumet's *Before The Devil Knows You're Dead* and Tamara Jenkins' *The Savages* and a supporting turn (that's attracting yet more Academy Award buzz) alongside Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts in *Charlie Wilson's War*.

A dark caper movie that's a mix of thriller and Greek tragedy, *Before The Devil Knows You're Dead* has Philip playing a desperate man with sexuality issues and a cash-flow problem who entices his gormless brother (Ethan Hawke) to rob a jewellery store belonging to their own parents.

The *Savages* is another family comedy/drama – this time centring on two adult siblings who find themselves plucked from their self-centred lives to care for their estranged father sliding into dementia.

And in Mike Nichols' likeable twist at global politics, *Charlie Wilson's War*, Philip plays a resentful CIA agent who aids a good-ol'-boy Texas congressman (Tom Hanks) in his clandestine plan to arm the Mujahideen in Afghanistan against the Soviets in the 1980s.

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In *The Savages* he teams up with Laura Linney as siblings cocooned in their own complicated lives who are thrown together out of necessity. This was another project he read years ago that eventually came back to him.

"I just loved the script and I always wanted to do it so I was glad it came back around," he says.

The matter of ageing parents is something most of us have to deal with at some stage. Philip's own parents divorced when he was nine and he and his three siblings were largely raised by their mother, a judge.

"Both my parents are still alive so I haven't had to deal with that," he says about the film's core dilemma of placing a deteriorating father in care. "But I am, of course, dealing with ageing parents and they're dealing with ageing children."

An actor who likes to frequently return to theatre, Philip is having to juggle film stardom



WANTED: Philip Seymour Hoffman has been busy

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with being a parent. He and his partner, costume designer Mimi O'Donnell, have two young children.

"My daughter's a year old so she's the master of her own universe really," he says, "but my son comes with us to the theatre. They're all going to be introduced to acting just by the life we're in."

Acting allows the fiercely private performer to indulge things he doesn't in his normal life, he admits. "I'm probably more open when I'm acting than at any other time. It allows me to be something that I can't always feel comfortable with when I'm living my own life, because it's make-believe."

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SUNDAY: LARK RISE TO CANDLEFORD (8pm): Start of a new series starring Olivia Hallinan, Julia Sawalha and Dawn French in an adaptation of Flora Thompson's memoir of her Oxfordshire childhood.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: TIMEWATCH (8.10pm): Dr Saul David investigates the violent world of the medieval melee tournament in the long-running history series.

SUNDAY: SKI SUNDAY (7pm): Thirty years on and Ski Sunday remains bizarrely addictive viewing – if nothing more than for the scenery and hope of a dramatic tumble. Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present.

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SATURDAY: RED DRAGON (10pm): Anthony Hopkins puts on the face mask as he returns as Hannibal Lecter in this prequel to the Silence of the Lambs. This time he's helping hunt down a killer dubbed 'The Tooth Fairy'.

SUNDAY: KINGDOM (9.20pm): Gentle ITV drama starring Stephen Fry in which he struggles to keep the reappearance of his fugitive brother Simon a secret.

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SATURDAY: THE ITALIAN JOB (9pm): An all-star cast remake the Michael Caine 1969 classic which acts as the perfect advert for the Mini Cooper as the crooks look to bring LA to a standstill to pull off an audacious crime.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8pm): Stand by your pots and pans as celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay looks to prove you can cook up a three-course meal in just an hour.

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SATURDAY: TOYS (3.15pm): Slightly odd film about a hi-tech toy factory taken over by an army general who turns its products into killing machines.

SUNDAY: MEDICINE MAN (6.55pm): Sean Connery swaps Bond for biology as, while working in the South American jungle, he stumbles across a cure for cancer – but then loses the formula.

Echoes of the past in Martine's new role

■ BY BEN FALK

"OH, no, no, no," says Martine McCutcheon, adamant in her answer, "I'm not engaged."

She's responding to pictures earlier this year of her wearing a huge diamond sparkler on her wedding finger at The Ivy in London, but thanks to high-profile relationships going south in the past, anything now is kept on the QT.

"Guys look a bit," she admits, about potential suitors. "They stare a lot because they probably think, 'I don't know where to begin with her. What do I say? Do I pretend I don't know who she is or I pretend I do know who she is?'"

The ones who are brave enough to come up are normally the ones who are a bit bolshy and not very nice and it's probably the shy ones that you don't get to meet who are the ones who could be really lovely."

But she won't be drawn any further on whether she has a man in her life, although she admits to seeing someone. She smiles: "I'm very happy at the moment and that's all I can say about my love life."

If her off-screen relationships are in limbo, it's certainly not the case for her latest on-screen character.

The 31-year-old is playing Susan, a blowsy housewife with two teenage kids in Cornwall-set, night-time soap Echo Beach. Her dull marriage to Mark (Hugo Speer) is given a testosterone injection when ex Daniel (Jason Donovan) when he rolls back into town.

The series, which began last Thursday, on ITV1, promises to be a rather nifty experiment. Martine's dramatic half-hour follows Moving Wallpaper, a 30-minute fictional behind-the-scenes-style comedy show follow-



SOAP: In Echo Beach Martine McCutcheon plays a housewife reunited with her ex, played by Jason Donovan

ing the – concentrate – making of Echo Beach.

"She's a bit frumpy, isn't she?" says the actress of Susan, who sports a quite hideous dress in the premiere episode. "Actually," she remembers, "that proved to be quite lucky. It was one of the worst summers Cornwall's ever seen and there were times they were going, 'We've got to cut, Martine's being hit by hailstones'. Because Susan was frumpy, I got to wear a big cardigan!"

She explains: "Susan's very repressed. She's controlled by her husband and is secretly yearning for the gold in her life. I've always enjoyed the fact that the characters I play have a sense of me in them because they wear their hearts on their sleeves."

A star since making her name as Tiffany in EastEnders, she has trod the West End boards

and controversially scooped a Laurence Olivier Award for her role as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady. (She got great reviews, but an illness meant her understudy performed more than she did).

She has hit the top of the charts with her single Perfect Moment, copped off on screen with Hugh Grant in blockbuster Love Actually, doled out criticism on Soapstar Superstar and comic Russell Brand just revealed he snogged her while they were at theatre school together.

One thing she hasn't much luck with is boys.

Which might be why she is plunging herself back into work, appearing as Miss Marple's sidekick last year and returning to the world of soaps with Echo Beach.

The twist with the latter is that we will also get a chance to see 'Martine McCutcheon' dealing with the show's 'producers' (played by comedian Ben Miller) in Moving Wallpaper.

A clip from later in the series shows her crying her eyes out when she thinks she's been fired – ironic considering the furore surrounding her death in EastEnders which subsequently led to her publicly criticising BBC honcho Mal Young in her autobiography.

Thankfully, Martine has had enough time to appreciate the amusement factor.

"I said, 'I bet she cries and says, 'Not again!' and they said, 'No, there's not the 'Not again!' bit but there's an 'Oh, no!' I said, 'Great, bring it on! That's fabulous.' It ended pretty badly at EastEnders but I've too much pride and too much dignity to let myself go like that. But it's what we'd all want to do on the inside."

So what if there isn't a ring on that finger? We've got Martine McCutcheon back in a soap opera – which is exactly where we want her.



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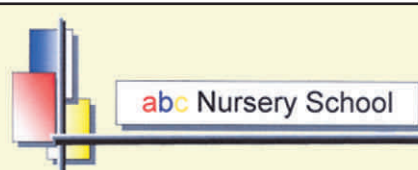
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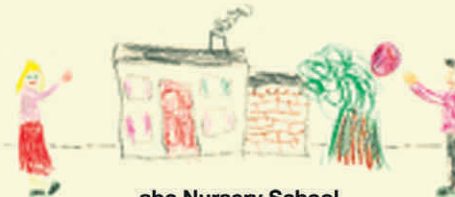


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The findings have led to FirstGroup, one of the largest transport companies, enforcing a ban on its 135,000 employees from using a hands-free mobile phone device when driving.

Although it isn't against the law to use a mobile hands free kit, motorists can still be prosecuted if police judge that the driver was not in proper control of the vehicle. The penalties are the same as using a hand held phone - £60 fine and three points on your licence.

In any incident or crash, the use of any phone could be justification for the charges of careless or dangerous driving. The penalties on conviction for such offences include heavy fines, endorsement, disqualification and, in serious cases, imprisonment. Courts are taking a serious view in such cases.

Mobile phones are often sold with in-car kits to enable hands-free use. This creates a false impression that this is somehow safer and therefore more acceptable. The research by TRL shows that, whilst not illegal, using a hands-free kit is no more acceptable than drink driving.

Talking on a mobile phone is different to having a conversation with a passenger.

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Using a mobile phone can double the time it takes a driver to react to a situation. One brief moment checking a mobile while driving could be the difference between



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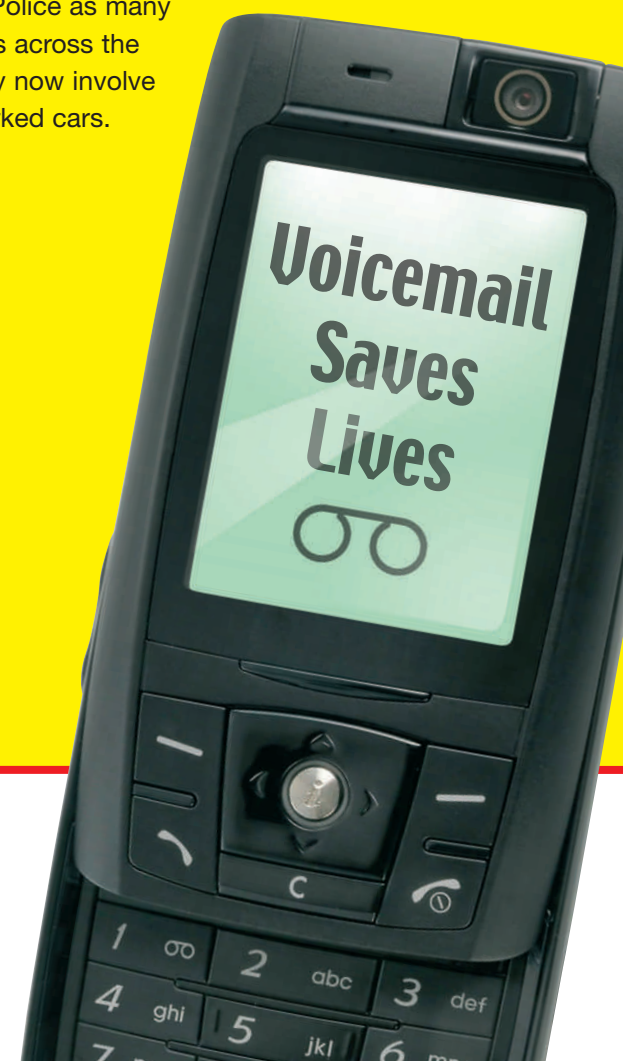
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7 Hesitates with Oriental language (4)
9 Shellfish to cook at social gathering (8)
10 If it's free, one can say what one likes (6)
11 Fraudulent practice of testing public opinion by circulating rumours (4-6)
14 Name a hat designed to be an object of abhorrence (8)
15 Learning about a hot place in Pakistan (6)
16 Way round near mountain road (6)
18 Separate one in new side (8)
20 Late tender (5-5)
23 Six-footer in religious group (6)
24 No French sight perhaps is an absurdity (8)
25 Square incision on tail (4)
26 Joint complaint of one in fancy summer-hat (10)

DOWN

- 2 Tax one leaving coral island (4)
3 Some were prompted by the vigorous frolic (4)
4 He lacks another means of restraint (7)
5 A tinier variety of sloth (7)
6 Sensual Lulu upset about way forward initially (7)
7 Not a bit of it (10)
8 Pretty poor revised estimate (6-4)
12 Unhinge icy contraption that is unclean (10)
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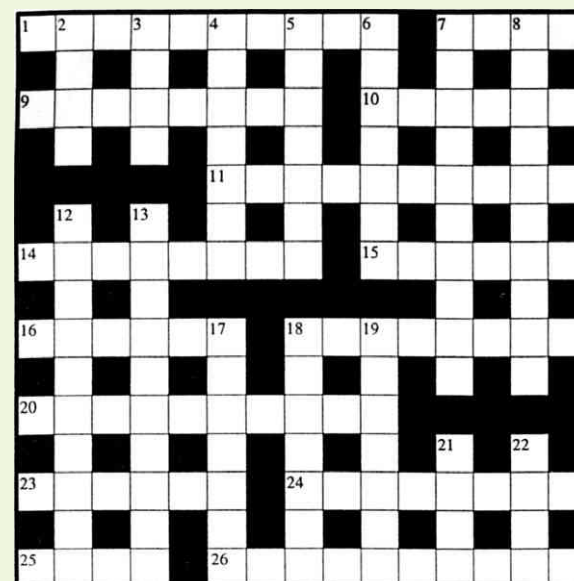
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18 Roadside indicator (8)
20 Part of a camera (10)
23 Reroute (6)
24 Checker (8)
25 Margin (4)
26 Plunging headlong (10)

DOWN

- 2 Unemployment pay (4)
3 Goodbye (2-2)
4 Gave a different title (7)
5 Monotonous (7)
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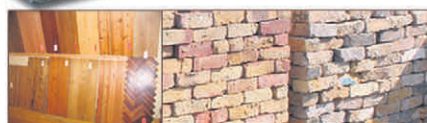
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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU'RE getting tired of coping with a large group. Going off on your own, though, could have unfortunate consequences. You can't afford to make enemies right now. Exercising compassion toward friends, neighbours, and colleagues is a good idea. By trying to see things from their perspective, it will be much easier to keep your anger at bay.



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

DON'T let your wants and wishes get in the way of good decision making. It's hard to think clearly when you are consumed by desires. If you're thinking of making a move on a platonic friend, wait until next week. Work provides a lot of creative challenges this week. This proves a welcome distraction from your personal life.



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A LOVER or child is showing a lack of consideration for you. This could be because you've given them a mistaken idea about your finances. In the past, you were ready to buy gifts whenever they wanted them. Be honest about your situation or your relationship will continue to suffer. It's better to be generous with your time and affection than money.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

RESIST the urge to buy an expensive luxury item. An unexpected expense could play havoc with your budget. An irritable child will wear on your patience. You'll have to establish some firm ground rules now, while you still have their respect. If you don't assert yourself, you'll lay disastrous groundwork for the future.



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

TAKE care not to be rude to a well-meaning woman. This lady is only trying to help you realise a cherished goal. Hold back whenever you're tempted to give sarcastic replies to her concerned inquiries. Trust your intuition with regard to a creative project. You're always much more pleasant when you're exercising your imagination.



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

THE last thing you want to focus on is work. A close relationship is far more intriguing. Unfortunately, you need to attend to your career if you're going to maintain your position. If you need a reason to remain diligent, consider how unemployment could affect your life. It will be hard have fun when you're worried about paying your bills.



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

AN impulsive attitude toward romance could be taking its toll on your home life. Your partner can't drop everything when you crook your finger in their direction. Keep your promises to relatives and roommates. That may not seem important now, but you'll need their support sooner than you think. Never underestimate the importance of family.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

ALL the wit and charm in the world won't smooth over a difficult family situation. Stop looking the other way at a relative's bad behaviour. This person needs to answer for their actions. Fortunately, your powers of persuasion are very strong. Your non-judgemental attitude makes all the difference to changing their ways.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

IT'S easy to get carried away with someone who claims to know all the answers, but wait a while before you put your faith in this character. A sensible friend will see the holes in this guru's guidance. Try not to be too hard on yourself. We all want a template for leading a rewarding life. Unfortunately, such formulas are invariably flawed.



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

WORK could be very unpleasant this week. Avoid sensitive topics like religion and politics like the plague. Fortunately, a close friend or lover is eager to smooth your furrowed brow. Turn to this person when the pressure becomes too great. If you're looking for love keep your eyes open for someone with high principles and ideals.



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

SUGAR coating your problems may affect your health. It's important to face facts head on, particularly with regard to work. If you're in jeopardy of losing your job, start looking for another. Share your plight with friends. Your love life is a lot more promising than your professional prospects. Someone new has their eye on you.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

IT'S hard to be polite when people provoke you at every turn. Take care not to blurt out any secrets while venting your anger. If you're seeking work, you could find it at a hospital, university, or government agency. You have a knack for coping with paperwork. If you are already employed, apply to one of these institutions for financial aid.

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■ BY ELLIOT WRIGHT (AGE 10½)

CHRISTMAS is, without question, one of the finest times of the year. On that we are all agreed. But spending it in Disneyland Paris? I'm not sure it gets any better.

If I'm honest, I never thought my dad would bother. Bound to be too expensive and how would all my presents be in the right place for Christmas morning?

But, to my surprise (and my big sister's), that's where I ended up.

My parents told us we were popping across the Channel on Christmas Eve to visit a French market.

I didn't suspect a thing. There I was leading Manchester United to another glorious league success on my PSP console, when it dawned on me we had left Calais two hours ago and were in Paris.

Having left home at 8am, by 5pm French time we were actually strolling into the Disneyland Park having booked into our hotel, pausing briefly only for me to pick myself off the floor after being told we were going to be here for three long, action-packed days. So long PSP.

I've been here before but this was different. Over the festive period the place was open until 10pm. That's a possible 14 hours every day in the park. Cool.

For me, Pirates of the Caribbean is one of the best rides. I made the height restriction for



IN CHARACTER: When you're not on a ride there are lots of Disney stars to entertain you and say hello

Space Mountain rollercoaster this time which was, er, good. One go was enough for me.

It was packed though. My top tip for winter visits to the park is simple; wrap up warm and use the Fast Pass system for the big rides. I'll repeat that: Use the Fast Pass system. You get a ticket at the ride and it tells you when you can come back, normally within an hour or so and you get to jump the queue.

The good news is that by around 6pm little kids start to flag, so they go, leaving me the

chance to drag my mum and dad round to more rides with smaller queues. Perfect.

For Christmas dinner we booked into the Blue Lagoon (overlooking the first stage of the Pirates' boat ride). According to my dad it's one of the top Disney restaurants offering 'Creole cooking', whatever that means, and great fish dishes.

We had ostrich on Christmas Day, now that was good.

My dad blew nearly 200 euros on that meal. But overall he said it was pretty reasonable to eat out at the many fast food outlets around the park. He reckoned two adults and two kids could eat well all day for 100 euros.

Food, however, is merely a necessity in my book to provide the energy to get on those rides. We spent one of the days at the neighbouring Disney Studios. It's a completely separate park, arguably a little more grown up, with some excellent shows. They all have a film theme and some great rides, including the terrifying, Hollywood Tower Hotel. In a nutshell you just fall a long, long way. My sister went on three times. For me once was enough.

The new Nemo rollercoaster, is popular but we had to give it a miss – the waiting time of 90 minutes was just a little too much and there's no Fast Pass. Curses. But that was just one blip on an otherwise fantastic trip.

For Christmas, Disneyland was brilliant. It's an easy drive by motorway (196 miles from Calais since you ask) and there are some spectacular deals for families over the next couple of months.

Needless to say, I have already started nagging to go again. And you should too.

FACT FILE

Time difference	UK + one hour
Currency	about 1.35 to £1
Capital	Cinderella's Castle
Population	2 million Brits last year
Region airport	Space Mountain
Station	Eurostar Marne La Vallee
Climate	Warm inside year round

Holiday details

The Wright family stayed for three nights at the three star Hotel L'Elysee Val d'Europe for around £726 including passes to the park for four days.

Disney is offering its popular kids stay and play free offer on all holidays booked over the next two months.

They travelled from Dover to Calais with SeaFrance (www.seafrance.com) and drove the 196 miles in under three hours. Tolls cost another 20 euros.

You can travel direct to Disney by Eurostar (www.eurostar.com) from Ashford International or Ebbsfleet Station and the journey takes just over two hours.

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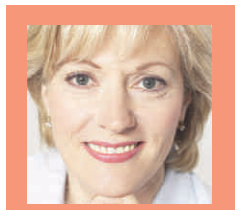
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HONESTY & HUMOUR PLEASE!
Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494 **1 2**

MISS THIS MISS OUT
Hi, I'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive, love country walks, restaurants, socialising, cosy nights in, if you like the sound, then get back to me! Box 435104 **1**

WELCOME 2 MY WORLD
Hi, I'm a 31 year old professional woman, looking to meet a similar aged professional man for friendship and romance. Box 901137 **1**

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL
Black, beautiful, curvy, single mum, 31, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman for friendship/relationship. Box 432283 **1**

ANIMAL LOVER
Honest, loyal, caring lady, 32, hard-working, 5ft8, medium build, likes eating out, spending time with friends/family, meeting new people, going to new places, seeking similar Box 432586 **1**

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", curvy build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 **1**

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

TRAVEL HAPPY
Medway female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship Box 434372 **1 2**

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374 **1**

NEW TO THE AREA
Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539 **1**

DON'T PASS ME BY
Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 **1**

COULD IT BE MAGIC?
Single mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things. Box 898868 **1**

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **1 2**

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **1**

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **1**

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **1**

LOVE TO MEET YOU
Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 **1**

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **1 2**

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **1 2**

SMOOTH MOVE
Kind, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **1 2**

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 803038 **1**

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 428071 **1**

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, smore woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **1**

WHERE R U?
Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 426889 **1**

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 **1**

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 **1**

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN
Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **1**

HAND IN HAND
Romantic female, 46, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on the beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship, maybe more, with someone, 45-55, Ashford Box 435456 **1**

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincere, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **1 2**

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 **1**

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **1**

AM I THE 1?
48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 **1 2**

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 **1**

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 **1**

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909774 **1**

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoys clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **1**

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks Box 434052 **1**

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!
Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 **1**

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **1**

DO YOU SCRUB UP?
Modern, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTm gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship/relationship. Box 825500 **1**

LAST CHANCE?
Lively, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTm genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 **1**

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoys walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **1**

BEAUTIFUL DAY
54yr female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life Box 435468 **1**

LADY IN WAITING
Lively, special lady, 54, honest, friendly, caring with varied interests, including outdoor sports, travel, keeping fit, music, reading, social events, WLTm like-minded, easygoing male. Box 430607 **1**

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, leading to more. Box 430854 **1**

DIG DEEPER
Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship. I like gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242 **1**

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **1**

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE
56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone area. Box 412127 **1**

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 **1**

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man Box 435308 **1 2**

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 **1**

EFFERVESCENT ELEGANCE
Young-at-heart, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745 **1**

GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE
Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 **1**

PLANT THE SEEDS
Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138 **1**

A MILLION TO ONE
Spiritually minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723 **1**

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **1 2**

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435 **1**

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable Box 380976 **1 2**

HAPPINESS IS...
Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **1 2**

MAKING SWEET MUSIC
Romantic male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795 **1**

PERFECT!
Easygoing, fun guy, 38, 6ft tall, fit, swim and gym, fair, short funky hair with blue eyes, professional worker, seeking a nice female. Box 898289 **1 2**

DOWN TO EARTH
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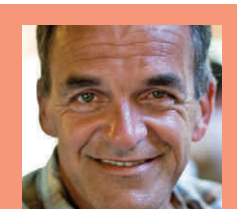
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TRAVEL 2 MY WORLD
Outgoing Asian male, 23, 5'3", like cinema, eating out, sport, WLTm special female to share outings with. Box 435194 **1**

OUT AND ABOUT
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Care assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTm nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury Box 423431 **1 2**

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34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 **1**

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY
Attractive guy, 34, 5ft10, slim, brown hair/blue eyes. I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Box 428758 **1 2**

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **1 2**

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435 **1**

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable Box 380976 **1 2**

HAPPINESS IS...
Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **1 2**

MAKING SWEET MUSIC
Romantic male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795 **1**

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ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS
Easygoing male, 40, 6', brown hair/blue eyes, likes pubs, restaurants, animals, laughter. Do you believe there are still some good men out there? Here I am! Medway Box 902387 **1**

OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTm someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **1**

GOOD SPORT
Easygoing 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262 **1**

SHINE TOGETHER
Slim male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTm genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area Box 425419 **1 2**

TWO'S COMPANY
Michael, 43, 5ft8, medium build, dark hair/eyes, hardworking, likes cooking, sports, disco, walking, seeks female for good company. Box 427395 **1**

MIX N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for LTR. Box 432940 **1**

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489 **1**

OPEN AND HONEST
45 year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again. I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things, seeking LTR. Chatham Box 430228 **1**

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, more. Box 428202 **1**

SOCIABLE SORT
Allan, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship... Box 434948 **1**

NEVER GIVE UP
Sincere family man, 46, 5ft11, blue eyes, bald, no ties, grown up kids, loves cooking, beach walks, seeking similar with good heart, for family life Box 435207 **1**

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **1**

LOTS OF SMILES
Warm, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 **1 2**

BRING ME HAPPINESS
Easygoing guy, genuine, 46, 5ft7, slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, enjoys nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with. Box 435393 **1**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorced, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529 **1**

HEART OF GOLD!
Loyal, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build, enjoys DIY, gardening, days out, coast, country pubs, seeks loving female with similar interests, 43-55, slim/medium build. Box 899602 **1**

LOTS OF LOVE 2 GIVE
Ordinary guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111 **1**

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM LIFE
48 year old male, hard-working, 6ft1, genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, up to 48 Box 435474 **1**

TALL AND SLIM
49 year old easygoing, laid-back male, 6ft8, short brown hair, blue eyes, likes cinema, theatre, restaurants, travel, long walks, seeking 40-46yr old female. Medway Box 902387 **1**

NOTHING TO LOSE
Attractive, 6ft, fair-haired, blue-eyed male, 51, looking for an attractive feminine woman, for friendship and if there's chemistry maybe more. I live in Medway. Box 907991 **1**

WHY WAIT?
Fun-loving male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motorcycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTm an interesting female. Box 42

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Sounds like some good music

From the sublime to the ridiculous

TWO markedly different Kent bands have grabbed our attention this week displaying the wealth of talent just waiting to be discovered.

Sheppey's Sons of Alpha Centauri have posted up their awesome animated video by Kent film-maker Ben Brown, based around the Maunsell Sea Forts off the Kent coast.

Their haunting, ambient electro soundscape meshes perfectly with the eerie stillness of the forts, creating a memorable audiovisual experience.

At the other end of the scale, the Trouser Trumpets are back, getting the plugs in early for their Christmas single, which received more than 3,500 downloads last year, putting it at number 550 in the charts.

It wasn't quite enough to beat X Factor winner Leon Jackson's slushy effort, but the Trumpets continue to build on their ever growing local fanbase however, and promise new songs and more gigs than ever this year.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR BAND ON THIS PAGE OR HAVE A GIG YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST, SIMPLY LOG ON @ yourkenttv.co.uk AND FOLLOW THE EASY-TO-USE INSTRUCTIONS

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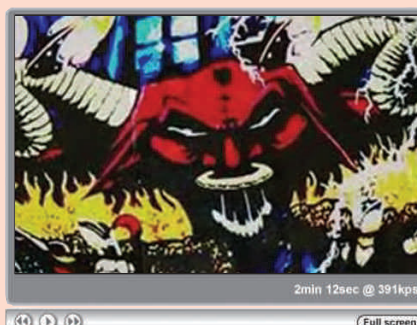


HAUNTING: This computer generated film by Ben Brown features the music of Sons of Alpha Centauri. It centres around the haunting World War Two Maunsell sea forts.



CAN'T STAND ME NOW: Stretching his incredible five chord repertoire to the limit at the Tap and Tin in Chatham, it's Pete Doherty. See why he has such a loyal following.

LOCAL TV ONLINE



2008'S FIRST: More raptastic craziness from Emcee Flapjack. Look out for the caterpillar. It really is quite funny, and strange. This mman has earned a loyal following.



SWING YOUR PANTS: We had to include the Trouser Trumpets, who have recently added Janet Street Porter and cartoonist Ralph Steadman to their growing number of fans.



RED LIGHT: Jo Nicol and Jeremy Marks perform a blues reworking of Roxanne by the Police at the Plough and Harrow in Bridge. Top talent adds to the range at Yourkenttv.co.uk.



GOOD PRACTICE: A filming exercise, and presumably, band practice, with the Betteshanger Colliery Band filmed at Deal Video Club by Robert Nash. Take a look a let us know what you think.



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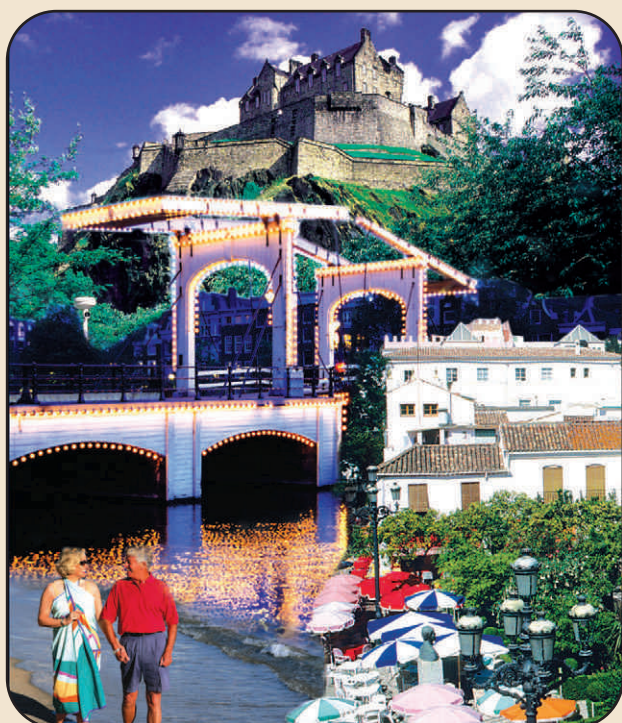
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BIRTHS

ACOURT

Jake born on the 2nd January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Son to John and Samantha and brother to Courtney and Kailey.

AITCHISON

Gemma Louise Aitchison. Born on the 27-12-2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter of Stephen and Debbie. Sister to Rebecca and Jessica in Ramsgate.

ASHOUR

Alicia Jasmine born on 17th December 2007, weighing 5lb 15 and a half oz. Daughter to Jean and Moustafa in Maidstone.

BARRETT

Cammy Louise born on 21st December 2007, weighing 6lb. Daughter to Laine and April in Dover.

BOLTON

Ruby Louisa born on 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Pete and Mel in Birchington. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

BRADLEY

Wayne and Emily Bradley of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Maisie Grace Bradley on 27th December 2007, weighing 8lb 1.5oz.

CHATFIELD

Joseph and Cheryl celebrate the birth of their son Logan James Paul on 6th December 2007. A brother for Tyla-Mae.

CHIVERS

Phoebe Jane. Born on 15th December weighing 6lb 14.5oz. Daughter to Zoe Page and Steven Chivers.

COWELL

Sara and Stuart of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Theo Patrick, born on 14th December 2007.

DENNESS

Harry Grahame Denness born on 5th January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. Son to Daniel and Joanne in Headcorn.

EDWARDS

Fiona and Allan of Monkton are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Morven Rose, born on 18th December 2007.

EVANS

Hal Emmett Evans, born on the 18th Dec 2007, to Matthew and Esa Evans of Whitstable.

FARRELL

Willow Xena Farrell, born to Francis and Beth Farrell, of Oare Faversham, on 12th December 2007. Beautiful baby sister to Merlin.

FOX

Isabela Lopes Othero born on 27th December 2007 weighing 5lb 8oz. Daughter to Nadja and Laurence Fox in Maidstone.

FRANKS

Esmee-Rose born on 21st December 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz. Daughter to Leon and Jemma in Ramsgate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

GOULDING

Ian and Christine of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of Kian Mark on 20th December 2007 weighing 6lb 15oz at Pembury Hospital.

GRANT

Ryan and Clare celebrate the birth of their daughter Elisha-May on 22nd December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

HAMILTON

Stuart and Nicola are proud to announce the birth of their son Joseph Thomas on 29th December 2007 weighing 7lb 3oz.

HAMMOND

Andy and Ashley celebrate the birth of their daughter Leah on 30th December 2007.

JENKINSON

Nicholas and Tiffany Jenkinson of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Thomas James Jenkinson born on 22nd December 2007, weighing 6lb 13oz.

JENNER

Tony and Gill Jenner of Rochester celebrate the birth of their daughter Jorga May Jenner on 3rd January 2008.

JONES

Gregory and Karen of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their son Oliver Edward on 20th December 2007 weighing 8lb 9oz.

LAWTON

Sam and Jenny Lawton of Ramsgate celebrate the births of their twins Emily Louise and Joshua Peter on 17th December 2007.

LUTMAN

Rick and Helen Lutman of Hollingbourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Isabella Lutman on 17th December 2007.

McCULLUM

Holly Moira born on 27th December 2007, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Daughter to Mark and Tracey in Broadstairs.

MITCHELL

Bethany Elize born on 28th December 2007, weighing 7lb 11oz. A beautiful daughter born to her proud parents Collette and Dan in Maidstone.

OSBORNE

Sarah and Neil of Cliffsend are delighted to announce the birth of their son Oscar Glenn, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM.

POSSEE

Paul and Debbie of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Matilda Star, on 20th December 2007. A new baby sister for Maisie, Amy and Flossie.

RECORD - TERRY

Joanne Record and Luke Terry celebrate the birth of their son James Alfie Record - Terry on 1st January 2008.

REEVES

Anja and Marc of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Ella Luise on 18th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz.

ROE

Hollie Carmel born on 6th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Andrew and Liz in Dover.

RUDGE

Alison and Stuart celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace Hope Rudge on 15th December 2007.

SIDDLE

Marie and John are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rhys Andrew on 21st December 2007 weighing 7lb 15oz in Margate Hospital.

STOPEs

James Stopes and Sammyjo Davis of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Callie-Rose Marie Stopes on 1st January 2008.

THOMAS

Piper Carol Thomas born on 30th December 2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter to Gareth and Louisa in Minster on Sea.

THOMPSON

Kim and James Thompson of Weaving celebrate the birth of their son Daniel Ross Thompson on 14th December 2007.

TOMLIN

Ava Rose Elsie Tomlin born on 18th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz. Daughter to Keli and Paul and sister to Ruby.

TOWNER

Stephen and Leah are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Katie Jeanne on 26th December 2007 weighing 7lb 14oz at Pembury Hospital.

TURNER

Neale and Fay are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Olivia Grace born on 25th December 2007 weighing 7lb 13oz at Pembury Hospital.

VIVASH

Tiffany-Rose Molly-Ferrari, born on 27th December 2007 at home. A very pleasant late Christmas present. Weighing in at 8lb. Daughter to Phil and Dawn.

WILLIAMS

Emma Wanstall and Alex Williams became proud parents to Summer Paige Williams. Born on 28th December 2007 weighing 9lb 4oz.

ZEGREAN

Gabriel and Corina of Kingsdown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Louis Sebastian Zegrean, on 31st December 2007.

DEATHS

BAILEY

Shirley Bailey of Meopham passed away on 31st December 2007. Enquiries to Church, Bruce and Co Solicitors of Gravesend.

BELL-ROBINSON

Bernard Bell-Robinson of Walderslade died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral service to be held in Medway Crematorium at 9.15am on 16th January.

BONE

David John Bone passed away peacefully at home on 2nd January. Husband to Bette, father to Andrew and Adrienne and gentle caring friend to many. Funeral 18th January 2008 at 2pm Medway Crematorium. Bright ties or rugby shirts and no flowers please.

DIVERS

Doreen Esther Divers of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 25th December 2007. A loving wife and mother who will be very sadly missed. Funeral service to be held at Barham Crematorium on Monday January 14th at 1.20.

DAVIS

Laurence Davis, beloved Son, Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle, died 12th December 2007. Greatly missed but remembered with love.

DOBSON

Elsie DOBSON of Capel-Le -Ferrie passed away peacefully after a short illness on 5th January 2008 aged 79. Enquiries to Chittendens Funeral Directors of Hythe.

ELCOMB

Alan Elcomb of Maidstone passed away on 4th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, Maidstone 01622 754663.

EVANS

Audrey Evans of Northfleet passed away peacefully on 26th December 2007 aged 44 greatly missed by her husband, children, family and friends.

JONES

Harry Jones of Paddock Wood, formerly of Scip, passed away on 28th December 2007 aged 76 years.

LAURENCE

Gordon Laurence of Dartford died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Funeral service at Crayford Baptist Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 24th January.

LAZENBY

Peter of Woodnesborough passed away peacefully after a short illness on the 29th December 2007. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at 3.20pm on 18th January 2008. Family flowers only.

LIGHT

Audrey of Otford Sevenoaks died peacefully on 6/1/2008. Funeral service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium at 11.00am on 23/01/2008.

LOFT

Graham Keith Loft passed away on 31st December 2007 after a long illness. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium at 1.40pm on Monday 14th January.

ROUND

Malcolm Round passed away in professional and caring company on 30th December 2007. Donations to Friends of Gavin Astor House, c/o A W Court Undertakers, Grafty Green.

SARE

Peter Jeffrey Sare of Ash passed away peacefully on 7th January 2007. A much loved Dad and Grandad who will be very sadly missed. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on 23rd January at 10.40am. Family flowers only.

SEERS

Anthony Seers of Dover passed away on 2nd January 2008. Enquires to W J Farrier and Son Ltd 01304 201665.

SOLOMONS

Florence Vera Solomons of Birchington passed away on 23rd December 2007. Funeral enquiries to Gore Brothers Ltd, Margate, 01843 223534.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Director moves on to land new role

A FORMER director of KOS Media is taking on a new role in the property world.

Sue Taylor – who was an associate director at KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper – left the operation at the end of last year and is now working for RPC Land and New Homes in Maidstone, as the company's new homes director.



She said: "I am delighted to be joining RPC as I have always had a passion for new homes.

"Having also worked extensively in property publishing in Kent and the South East, I have a good knowledge of the market as well as experience of working alongside many developers in the region."

RPC Land and New Homes has offices in Ashford, Tonbridge, Dartford, Maidstone and Chatham, as well as Haywards Heath in Sussex.

RPS's managing director Peter Randall: "The appointment of Sue is an important one for us and we are pleased to be able to bring someone with her property-related background and experience to enhance our already talented new homes division."

Millions move to our part of Britain

TWO and a half million people have moved to the South East from other parts of the UK in the last 12 years.

Research from Halifax has shown this area was one of the most popular regions for people to move to from 1996-2006.

Halifax chief economist Martin Ellis said: "The South East and South West have been the most popular destinations for people to move to from elsewhere in the UK over the past decade."

However, Halifax also found that this area had the second highest number of people leaving to live in another part of the country.

Overall, the research showed the South East experienced a net gain from internal migration of 384,000 people, the second highest of the 12 UK regions.

Data was sourced from 2007 population trends, local authorities, the Halifax House Price Index and the nine Government office regions of England.



REACHING FOR THE SKY: Some builders will look to keep their developments carbon-neutral by investing in renewable energy projects such as wind farms

High hopes for greener future of new homes

■ BY NICK AMES

LOW-CARBON homes are the way forward in property as developers and consumers embrace the role they have to play in climate change, according to a regeneration expert.

David Edwards, regional director for the southern region of national regeneration agency English Partnerships, spoke out about what he sees as a vital step in moving to an eco-friendly strategy for new homes.

He said: "It has been very encouraging to see the response from developers and house-builders in devising ways that households can reduce their carbon footprint."

"The Carbon Challenge seeks to speed up the house-building industry's response to climate change and has generated much interest from developers, who are keen to be involved."

"English Partnerships has no shortage of

developers and public sector partners who want to work with us to provide this sort of housing.

"Equally, there is enthusiasm and strong demand for such homes from consumers who want environmentally efficient, comfortable and affordable homes."

In line with the Government's directive that by 2016 all new homes will be built to zero-carbon requirements, English Partnerships is taking the lead in developing the methods to help make this possible.

These homes feature the highest levels of insulation, air tightness, heat recovery systems, whole-house ventilation and low-energy lighting.

With more than 30 per cent of these homes being allocated to affordable and first-home buyers, the scheme will introduce a new gen-

eration of home-owners to environmentally responsible living.

The level of environmental criteria required for new homes will be steadily increased by English Partnerships on its sites over the coming years towards Code Level 6, or zero-carbon by 2013 – three years ahead of the Government's mandate.

In addition, Mr Edwards spoke of low and zero-carbon housing being an important element in developing sustainable communities and attracting environmentally aware house buyers.

He said such communities would thrive where there was a balanced mix of affordable homes, a range of social and employment infrastructure opportunities, integrated transport and design opportunities, and quality neighbourhood management.

He said: "Working with the house-building industry we want to make zero-carbon housing the standard well ahead of 2016."

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- Superb 4 Bed Detached Family Home
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WESTGATE ON SEA OIEO £425,000

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CLIFFSEND PRICE RANGE £350,000-£380,000

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- Splendid 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Balcony With Sea Views
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CLIFTONVILLE PRICE RANGE £310,000-£330,000

- 3 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Sea Views From The Private Rear Garden
- Offered With No Chain!

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BROADSTAIRS £144,995

- 3 Bedroom Semi detached house
- In Need of refurbishment
- No chain

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WESTWOOD £310,000

- Approx 4 Year Old 4 Bed Bungalow
- Well Presented. Fitted Kitchen. En-Suite
- 90' Rear Garden. ORP For 5 Vehicles

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BROADSTAIRS £285,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Sought After Location
- Garage And Off Street Parking

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RAMSGATE PRICE RANGE £280,000-£300,000

- Brand New Detached House
- 4-5 Bedrooms. 3 Bathrooms
- Garage. Courtyard Garden

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CLIFTONVILLE PRICE RANGE £270,000-£290,000

- Refurbished 5 Bed Det Victorian Home
- 3 Receptions. Bathroom. 2 Cloakrooms
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- Popular Development

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- Superb Sea Views From The Lounge
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- Off Street Parking. No Chain

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- Substantial Period Property
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RAMSGATE £200,000
• Spacious 3 Bed Semi-Detached House
• Good Size Garden. Off Street Parking
• Popular West Cliff Location
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WESTWOOD PRICE RANGE £185,000-£205,000
• Renovated 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
• Within 500m Of Westwood Cross Shopping Centre
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WESTBROOK OIEO £185,000
• 3 Bedrooms With Attic Room
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CLIFTONVILLE PRICE RANGE £180,000-£220,000
• Furnished Show Home Spec!
• Outstanding Luxuriously Appointed Apartment
• Sea Front Location With Panoramic Views
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CLIFTONVILLE PRICE RANGE £180,000-£200,000
• Four Bedroom Mid-Terrace Family Home
• Recently Renovated. Original Style Features
• 2 Bathroom. Victorian Style Conservatory
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WESTGATE ON SEA £179,995
• 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Modern Replacement Kitchen. Gardens
• Replacement Bathroom Suite. ORP
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MINSTER £173,250
• 3 Bed Semi-Det Chalet Style Bungalow
• In Need Of Refurbishment
• Village Location. Views Over Farmland
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RAMSGATE PRICE RANGE £165,000-£175,000
• 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
• Good Size Garden
• Off-Street Parking
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ST PETERS VILLAGE PRICE RANGE £125,000-£135,000
• Nearly New!
• Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
• Off Street Parking
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PALM BAY PRICE RANGE £160,000-£170,000
• Cul-De-Sac. Early Possession Possible
• Highly Sought After Residential Location
• CH. Double Glazed Windows. No Chain
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RAMSGATE PRICE RANGE £160,000-£180,000
• 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace House
• Ground Floor Bathroom. Separate WC
• Approximately 30ft Rear Garden
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MARGATE PRICE RANGE £145,000-£155,000
• A Beautiful Family Home
• Deceptively Spacious & Superbly Presented
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RAMSGATE £140,000
• Ideal Investment Opportunity
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BROADSTAIRS PRICE RANGE £135,000-£145,000
• Impressive First Floor 2 Bed Maisonette
• Own Driveway Parking. Rear Garden
• Good Size Kitchen/Diner With Modern Units
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BROADSTAIRS PRICE RANGE £132,500-£147,500
• Three Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage
• On The Fringe Of Broadstairs
• Off Street Parking
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RAMSGATE £129,950
• 2 Bedrooms Over 4 Floors
• No Onward Chain
• In Need Of Modernisation
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WESTGATE ON SEA £128,950
• 1st Floor 1 Bedroom Apartment
• Kitchen. Bathroom. Open Plan Living
• Balcony. Study/Single Glazed Conservatory
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• Top Floor 1 Bedroom Flat. DG Windows
• Replacement Bathroom Suite
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CLIFTONVILLE PRICE RANGE £70,000-£85,000
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- School catchment area
- 23'8" kitchen/diner



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RAMSGATE OFFICE BRP05926

- 2 bed end of terrace
- Close to town centre
- Viewing a must



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RAMSGATE OFFICE BRP06139

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- Garage En-Bloc & Parking
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- Secure allocated parking



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- Off Street Parking
- No Onward Chain



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RAMSGATE OFFICE BRP06141

- 3 bed family residence
- Convenient location
- Off street parking



CLIFTONVILLE £69,995

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE MCP04114

- No forward chain
- First floor 1 bedroom flat
- Close to town centre



MARGATE £160,000

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE MCP04265

- 3 Bed Semi
- Good Condition
- Garage, OSP



WESTGATE ON SEA £167,500

WESTGATE OFFICE MWP00804

- Two bedroom cottage
- Lounge/Diner, Fitted kitchen
- Large Garden, & Conservatory



BROADSTAIRS £239,995

RAMSGATE OFFICE BRP06138

- 2 Bed Apartment
- Sought After Location
- Sun Terrace & Garden



RAMSGATE £154,995

RAMSGATE OFFICE BRP06142

- 3 bed victorian town house
- 2 reception room
- Convenient location



MARGATE £204,995

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE MCP04129

- No forward chain
- 4 Bedroom semi detached
- Conservatory, lounge, fitted kitchen



CLIFTONVILLE £232,500

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE MCP04281

- 4 Bedroom semi detached home
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- Close to Botany Bay, No Forward Chain
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- Large family home
- Close to London rail-links
- Off street parking



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RAMSGATE OFFICE **BRP06134**

- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- GCH & Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden



RAMSGATE **£255,000**

RAMSGATE OFFICE **BRP06136**

- 4 bed town house
- 2 receptions, en-suite
- Viewing a must



MARGATE **£150,000**

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE **MCP04380**

- 3 Bed Terraced
- Good Location Could Improve
- Must View



RAMSGATE **£199,995**

RAMSGATE OFFICE **BRP06135**

- Semi detached residence
- 3 beds, 3 receptions
- OSP and garage



MARGATE **£169,995**

CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE **MCP04247**

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- Central Margate location



WESTGATE ON SEA **£189,995**

WESTGATE OFFICE **MWP00626**

- 3 bedroom home
- Unique & private location
- Parking & gardens



RAMSGATE **£299,995**

RAMSGATE OFFICE **BRP06132**

- 4 bedrooms
- Tastefully decorated
- Sought after location



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CLIFTONVILLE OFFICE **MCP04375**

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- 3 Bed Mid Terrace House • Lounge & Dining Rooms
- Kitchen & Bathroom/w.c. • D/glazing & Gas Heating
- Popular Location • No Forward Chain
- Viewing Recommended • 39Ft Rear Garden



Margate **£175,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- 27Ft Master Bedroom • 15Ft Lounge
- Gfch • 11Ft Dining Room
- Close To Amenities



Ramsgate **£179,995**

- 3 Bedroom Extended Home • Off Street Parking
- Double Glazing • Immaculate Throughout
- Central Heating • Extra D/s Shower Room
- Mile To Sea Front • 1/2 Mile To Station



Ramsgate **£179,995**

- 3/4 Bedroom Terrace House • Arranged Over 3 Floors
- Lounge / Diner Kitchen • D/glazing Gas Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens • Popular Location
- Viewing Recommended



Ramsgate **£189,995**

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- Double Glazing • Central Heating
- Approx 2 Miles To Harbour
- Garage • Allocated Parking



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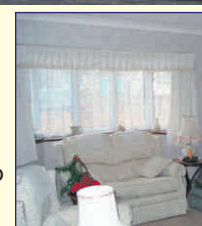
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REF: 0205DSP, GATA DE GORGOS, COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN PRICES FROM 451,000 € (APPROX £322.590)

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REF: 0206DSP, GATA DE GORGOS, COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN PRICES FROM 361,000 € (APPROX £258.210)

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REF: 0155DSP, ALTEA, COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN PRICES FROM 361,500 € (APPROX £258.570)

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REF: 0159DSP, ALTEA HILLS, COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN PRICES FROM 262,400 € (APPROX £187.687)

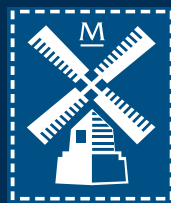
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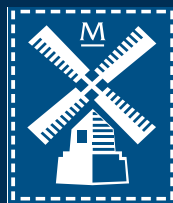


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MOTORS NEWS



Reborn Cinquecento finally takes its bow

FIAT dealers across Kent launch the eagerly awaited Fiat 500 on Monday.

The new city car, with looks echoing a past Cinquecento, is designed to take on BMW's Mini in the style and image stakes and has already stormed the Continent on the sales front and been voted European Car of the Year 2008.

Unlike the premium price Mini, Fiat has also been able to offer the 500 aggressively from just £7,900 by using the successful Panda platform and there will be a hot Abarth version later in the year to go toe to toe with the Mini's Cooper S performance flagship.



Rocketship 'R' gets a cheaper shuttle model

HONDA has a stylish new cut-price SE+ alternative to its eye-catching Civic Type-R hot hatchback.

We had fun road testing the 'R' for our online Motors TV – see Star Drive: an 'engaging' look at the futuristic Honda Civic Type-R' at www.carsforkent.co.uk – but fans can buy the £17,600 Type-R look for much less.

The new SE+ has a premium spec including 16-inch alloys, skirts and spoiler and a lively yet frugal 1.4-litre petrol engine rather than the Type-R's turbocharged 2.0 unit and costs £14,900.



Supersized carriers

PEUGEOT and Citroën dealers welcome upgraded versions of the twin French marques' supersize people carriers, the 807 and C8 ranges.

Not only have both vehicles gained visual tweaks, but they are also now available in flagship trim with the sporting 2.2-litre twin-turbo HDi 170 engine already seen in some sister models.

The new 170bhp low emission engine option is available with an adaptive six-speed 'Porsche Tiptronic System' automatic transmission. New Peugeot 807 and Citroën C8 ranges start at £19,695.



WAY TO GO: Material and quality levels are impressive in Hyundai's i30 and with a five-year warranty it will be extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals

Hyundai 'i' jinks is sure to make a big impact

COMPUTER geeks at Apple must have thought that their stylish iMac computer and phenomenally successful iPod player had granted ownership of the letter 'i'.

But Korea's biggest car maker Hyundai – a brand in need of an image injection – has hijacked 'the vowel that wowed the world' and applied it to, not just one car, but a whole range of 'i' models – five arriving over two years.

Before you ask – iPod/MP3 player 'connectivity' comes as standard on the debut i30 model tested here and shows a fair bit of thought went into the installation, with iPod/MP3 jacks in the centre console armrest with a neat 'pocket' to hold the player securely rather than floating around in a glovebox or loose in the car.

This attention to detail highlights Hyundai's care in presenting the i30 to a competitive and crowded family hatchback sector that includes its half sister, the Kia Ceed.

Like the Ceed, the i30 majors on its 'designed and built for Europe' origins and the material and quality levels are impressive.

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

There is a lot of the Ceed about the roomy interior – no bad thing as the Kia impressed market watchers and scared rival European manufacturers on arrival.

Predictably, it also feels much like the Ceed on road; a decent all-rounder in which responsive handling is balanced by ride quality and comfort. It is not the greatest drive, but is certainly not dull.

As ever with Korean marques, the car also comes generously equipped as standard: steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fog lights, glove box cooler, air con, luggage net and hook in boot, seatbelt warning and traction control are included.

This combines with pricing and the famous Hyundai five-year warranty to make it extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals.

Hyundai expects to sell more 1.4-litre petrol i30s to customers attracted by the £10,995 lead-in price, but the 1.6-litre is tempting too while the 1.6 diesel is the pick for smoothness plus performance with economy and a sporting 2.0 diesel option was also added recently.



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NISSAN MICRA



IN a market sector where most rivals look the same, Nissan deserves praise for the unique looks of the latest Micra. And they don't signal style triumphing over substance either, because the British-built three and five-door Micra range has the reliability of its predecessor plus decent space, attractive interior looks and durability and good driving manners and grip. It also has a further ace up its sleeve in the form of perky turbodiesels from the Japanese marque's owner, Renault.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206



PEUGEOT'S 206 has been around a while, but it is a tribute to the car's chic styling and all-round verve that it still sells strongly new despite being superseded by the 207. Volumes for Peugeot's all-time best-seller have also been boosted by many variants including three and five-door hatchbacks and the eye-catching folding roof CC or coupé convertible and voluminous SW (estate). Along with great diesel engine options, this gives used car buyers a great range of choice.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Senior & General Appointments 52-58

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REF: 458 - STRUCTURED PSYCHO-SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS SERVICE COUNSELLING CO-ORDINATORS SITTINGBOURNE & ASHFORD (2 POSTS) Salary £22,122 - £28,172 (SCP 27 – 35) - 37 hours

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You will need a qualification in counselling to diploma level as a minimum standard, further qualifications would be an advantage. You should be BACP Accredited.

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If you would like to discuss this post please contact: **TONI HOWES OR KAREN WILLOUGHBY ON 01227 454740**

Closing date: 25th January 2008
Interview date: 18th February 2008

REF: 412 - SERVICE MANAGERS - PRESCRIBING SERVICE WEST KENT AND MEDWAY (1 POST), EAST KENT (1 POST) Salary £28,919 - £37,543 (SCP 36 – 46) - 37 hours

You will be KCA's lead for Tier 3 Community Prescribing and Shared Care services in West Kent and in Medway. The role offers a stimulating combination of tasks, including a close working relationship with the Clinical Director; Operations & Development Manager; line managing a number of staff, ensuring contractual compliance and the meeting of national and business plan targets, specific project management, contributing to the overall strategy and practices of the organization and development of the drug service provision. On a longer-term basis, Service Manager posts offer a recognized route to more senior roles within the organization.

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Should you wish to discuss this role informally, please contact **Tracey Tipping 01622 690944**

REF: 459 - COMMUNITY DRUG WORKERS - MEDWAY EAST & WEST KENT Salary £20,736 - £26,835 (SCP 25 - 33) - 37 hours

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Significant experience of working with people with drug related problems, a genuine commitment to this client group and a background and qualification in nursing or other relevant profession are essential.

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Closing date: 1st February 2008
Interview date: End of February

REF: 460 - DAY PROGRAMME WORKERS - EAST KENT (TWO POSTS) £20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25 - 31) - 37 hours

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Closing date: Friday 25th January 2008
Interview date: To be confirmed

For application forms contact: **KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk**

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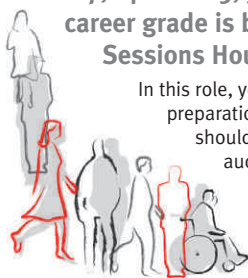
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Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.

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Ref: 00907/K3

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Burnt Oak Primary School
Cornwall Road, Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LP
Telephone - (01634) 852991
E-mail office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School
Temporary KS2 teacher
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Term of contract 3 terms
Required From: 25 January 2008
Closing date: 18 January 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Halls, Headteacher
Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School, Long Catlis Road
Parkwood, Gillingham
Kent ME8 9TX
Telephone - (01634) 231 901
Email headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk

Skinner Street Primary School
Year 5 teacher (maternity)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: Maternity
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 19 February 2008
To apply/more information
Julia Tucker, Headteacher
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street, Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Email enquiries@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

Warren Wood Community Primary School and Language Unit Specialist
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Salary: MPS/UPS
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Closing date: 30 January 2008

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Warren Wood community School
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Kent ME1 2UR
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Fax - 06134 832335
Email trimk001@medway.org.uk

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Closing date: 18 January 2008
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Fairview Community Primary School
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Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77

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Do you have the skills and experience required to lead in delivering practical sessions to students of the Faculty of Health and Social Care, under the general guidance and direction of Academic staff? If you are an experienced technician and an excellent communicator, who enjoys sharing practical knowledge, developing the skills of others, working alongside students and academics and wants to develop a more focused teaching orientated career then we would welcome your application. You will be located within the Skills Laboratory Team. This post is offered as full time or two 18.5 hour posts Ref: ID/HWF/77.

Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.

Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. Ref: PA1/HWF/77.

LEARNING AND TEACHING ENHANCEMENT UNIT (LTEU)

Faculty Learning Technologist

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Working within the LTEU you will support the use of ICT in learning and teaching through providing advice, consultancy and technical assistance with implementing new developments in learning and teaching.

With significant experience of supporting staff in developing their use of learning technology, you will be competent across a range of computer applications and educational technologies, and demonstrate an imaginative grasp of their application in an educational context. You are likely to have a background in education or training.

Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. Ref: FLT3/LT/77.

CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

SQL Developer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

As an experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

As a graduate with significant professional analyst/programmer and SQL development experience you will need excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively on your own and as part of the team.

You will also need to demonstrate a proven track record of technical development and excellent technical skills with experience of implementing systems within a designed technical architecture. Ref: SQL/CIS/77.

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Interview date: 12 February 2008.

DESIGN AND PRINT UNIT

Graphic Designer

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We require a highly motivated Graphic Designer with excellent technical and organisational skills. As a creative individual you will be expected to design and produce concepts and finished artwork for a wide range of materials and will act as the guardian of the University's corporate identity.

With a solid print design background and in-depth knowledge of design-for-print packages you will also need to be familiar with printing techniques and have understanding of the working methods, deadlines and production patterns of the print industry.

A good team player you will be used to working to tight deadlines and balancing multiple projects and have the confidence to take a project from its initial brief through to the finished article. Ref: GD/REP/77.

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Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months)

£17,651 to £19,264 per annum

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With a recognised word-processing/typing qualification and ECDL or equivalent you will have demonstrable experience of general administration and servicing meetings. Experience of working in a time critical project focused environment and providing PA support to multiple people is desirable. This role will require wide ranging organisational and liaison abilities and the desire to provide a high quality service in a timely and prioritised manner. Ref: PA/AUG/77.

COMPUTING SERVICES

Testing Administrator (Part time)

(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.

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£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

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You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Housing Officer (21 hours)

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

As part of the Accommodation Services team you will be helping to allocate students to their accommodation at the start of the academic year, assisting with any accommodation issues and ensuring that residential accommodation is kept secure and well maintained.

Ideally with a background in housing you will be a confident communicator with well developed interpersonal customer service skills.

Although working predominantly Wednesday (1pm to 5.30pm), Thursday (9am to 5.30pm) and Friday (9am to 5.30pm) you will also be required to work additional weekend hours at the beginning of each academic year (September) to welcome new students and to settle them into their Halls of Residence. Ref: HO1/ACC/77.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the above reference. No agencies.

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Hours: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Start: ASAP

It is preferred that applicants should have previous experience of working in a school office and in using the SIMS FMS6 finance system otherwise the applicant must have the ability to quickly become proficient in the school's financial systems following training.

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Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points 7-11

£13,619 - £15,440 (£6,696 - £7,591 pro-rata)

20 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)

Hours: 12:30 - 4:30pm

Start: ASAP

The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment.

For more information or to request an application pack for either position, please contact Tanya Neil our Office Manager.

Closing date: Friday 18th January 2008

Interviews:

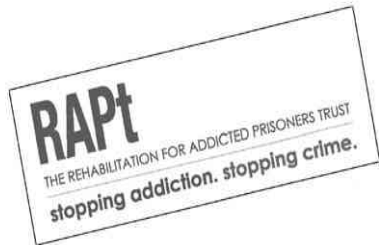
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Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

For an informal discussion, please contact Ann McMurray, Social Work Manager, Palliative Care or Marilyn Russell, Senior Practitioner on 01634 830456.

Closing date: 25 January 2008

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Closing date for applications: Friday, 25 January 2008.

Interviews will be held on: Wednesday, 13 February 2008.

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Salary Level 5 £20,674 - £22,776 37 hours per week
Post Ref: 08/11/KOS

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You will have broad experience of pitching for, planning and delivering high quality events including awards ceremonies, conferences, bespoke meetings and exhibitions. You will understand the marketing and communications value of events and have an innovative commercial attitude.

To be successful, you will have a closely relevant professional qualification and possess a high level of communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to influence and work with colleagues across the college.

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For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Seminar will help you make the most of Brazil

COMPANIES across the county have been urged to take advantage of the new opportunities for trade with Brazil.

The country has a fast-expanding industrial base and growing middle-class consumer economy.

Businesses can find out more at a seminar organised by UK Trade & Investment South East. Winning Business in Brazil is at the Hilton Hotel in Cobham, Surrey, on Wednesday February 20, from 9.30am-2.30pm.

Tickets are £50 plus VAT. For details, you can visit www.uktisoutheast.com/winningbusiness, or call 08454 586400.

New package aims to launch you off piste

GROUP ski holidays hosted by professional instructors have been launched by Realli-Ski of Canterbury.

They offer tuition from simulator to slope with a package for all abilities.

Running throughout the season, an expert Realli-Ski instructor will be taking groups to the snow-sure resort of Solden for a relaxing but invigorating five-day break. Prices start from £699 and include a pre-holiday ski course.

For details, phone 0845 8382811, or visit www.realli-ski.com.

Fund analysts look to Russia to make money

EMERGING capital markets such as Russia are likely to be among top performers in 2008, according to online fund analyst Moneyspider.com, and it says corporate bonds will make a comeback as shares in other sectors falter.

But it is Russia, with its cheaper stocks, more open market and emphasis on commodity stocks that may well reward Isa investors this year, predicts Moneyspider.com's Tony Ahearne.

"We anticipate more of the smarter Isa money will be winging its way into funds like Neptune Russia and Greater Russia, but it should be remembered that these are higher-risk funds and not for everyone."



DEADLINE LOOMS: Organise yourself, check everything and, if possible, file online. Failing that, try not to panic and take a coffee break when the numbers get too much

Return your details for a life less taxing

■ BY TONY PATEY

If your tax return is not with the tax people on Friday, February 1, you get hammered with a straight £100 penalty.

Also, you will attract annual interest of 7.5 per cent, accruing on a daily basis, on the amount you work out you owe.

If, by some chance, you still haven't paid your tax by Thursday, February 28, you'll get a straight five per cent surcharge on what you owe, on top of everything else.

By the way, those paying on what is called "payments by account" will need to pay half by Thursday, January 31, and half by Thursday, July 31.

But if you're still dithering over self-assessment, here are a few tips from the tax people to escape the horrors.

- Get organised. Before you get started, gather together all your statements, invoices, receipts, records of expenses and other paperwork for the tax year.

- File online. If you file online, your tax calculations are done automatically, so you will find out straightaway how much you owe or, even better, if you are owed a refund.

- Check your figures. It might sound obvious, but double-check your figures before including them on your return. This will save you having to make any amendments once you've submitted your return.

- Don't recycle the paper just yet. All records of information used to complete tax returns must be kept for 22 months after the end of the tax year. For those carrying on a business, or who have an income from letting out property, this increases to five years, 10 months.

- Try not to leave it to the last minute.

- Don't be afraid to ask for help and don't panic. If you get stuck, make yourself a cup of coffee, sit down and visit www.hmrc.gov.uk, or simply phone the self-assessment helpline on 0845 900 0444 if you can't find the answer to your question. It's open from 8am to 8pm seven days a week and calls are charged at local rates.



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Karate kid claims player of the year

KIRK SHEPHERD has been awarded PDC Young Player of the Year after becoming the youngest darts star to reach the final of the World Championship.

The 21-year-old from Ramsgate was celebrating after a PDC awards dinner at The Dorchester in London where he picked up the title in front of the sport's most famous players.

The award completes an amazing three weeks for the 'karate kid' who beat seeded players Peter Manley and Wayne Mardle on his way to the final where he was eventually beaten by Canadian John Part, 7-2.

James Wade received the PDC Player of the Year award – 12 months after picking up the Young Player of the Year title.

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New signing Craig Rocastle talks about why he decided to join Gillingham

Cup progress for isle teams

A PLACE in the fifth round of the Thanet Sunday Football League Challenge Cup was the reward for Thanet Sides last week.

The tie between Cramptons and the Albion went to extra-time with the score level at 4-4. Despite the extra efforts of the Cramptons' players, Albion scored the winner to win 5-4.

AFC Ramsgate stormed into the next round with a convincing 6-0 victory against Sheldons. Active also booked their place in the next round with a 4-2 win against South Eastern. One of the best performances went to Birchington USC who thrashed The Bell Inn 9-3.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division, The Dolphin secured three points with a solid 4-2 victory against Thanet Fascias. Northwood Dormans and AC Sharpeys were involved in an eight goal thriller as they shared the points in a 4-4 draw.

This Sunday, the quarter-finals of the Premier Division Cup begin.

Rams win with nine men at fortress Southwood

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Ramsgate 2 Hendon 1

THE RAMS kept up their excellent form at the Southwood Stadium as they picked up a vital three points against second-placed Hendon.

Jim Ward's side went about it the hard way as they had to come from behind and ended up with only nine players on the field after Andy Hadden was sent off and having used all three subs, Stuart Vahid was taken to hospital with concussion.

Ward started with a 4-4-2 formation with Stuart King and Ryan Hirooka preferred up front, which meant top scorer Steffan Ball moved out to the wing.

The Rams were also without defenders Ollie Schulz and Nick Davis who were both serving suspensions, which meant Will Graham returned to the side for his first start since September.

The visitors, who have been challenging at the top of the Ryman Premier League all season, started well and took the lead in the 14th minute. A free-kick into the 18-yard box found Brian Haule, who somehow squeezed the ball past goalkeeper Paul Wilkerson from an acute angle.

After the half-time break, Hendon almost extended their lead but were denied by a save from Wilkerson and a clearance off the line by Michael Phillips.

Ward took the decision to change his tactics and brought on Vahid and Dan Dolton.

The change seemed to work when in the 64th minute, a superb run down the left flank by substitute Dolton resulted in a 30-yard volley into the top corner which drew the sides level.

With about ten minutes to go, Warren Schulz did a one-two with Dolton on the edge of the area before he was fouled in the Hendon box. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Schulz slammed home the resulting spot kick to give the Rams the lead for the first time.

Then, with about eight minutes of play remaining, the home side were down to ten men when Vahid went down after a heavy collision.

In the final minutes, the Rams were reduced to nine men when Hadden picked up his second yellow card leaving Ward's side to hang on in the dying minutes for a vital win.

The victory leaves Ramsgate fifth in the Ryman Premier and with the added bonus of



FORWARD CHANGE: Jim Ward decided to shuffle the pack as he switched formation, which meant leading scorer Steffan Ball was moved to the wing for the clash with high-flying Hendon

having beaten the league's top two sides, Hendon and Chelmsford, at the Southwood Stadium.

Ward will be hoping to improve on his side's away form as they look to see off the challenge of AFC Wimbledon and Staines for a place in the play-offs.

The Rams were in action last night away to Kent rivals Tonbridge Angels. For a full match report, visit yourthanet.co.uk.

Ward's side then play away to AFC Hornchurch on Saturday.

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UPSET: Thanet Wanderers were knocked out of the Kent Cup by London 2 side Maidstone

Kent Cup is over for Thanet

RUGBY

Maidstone 26

Thanet Wanderers 20

level the scores. Rising star Van Mol put Maidstone ahead with his second try of the match, but the game swung towards Thanet before the break, when Tom Ash scored a try to give the London 1 side a slender 15-14 lead.

Maidstone won the game with a strong start to the second half, when they scored two tries to build a 26-15 lead.

Although Thanet applied constant pressure to the Maidstone defence, it

was the home side that scored next, after fly half Francis collected a kick ahead, taking the score to 26-15.

Dan Shepperson and Neil Wakefield came on to make their first team debuts as Wanderers fought hard to get back into the game.

They felt aggrieved not to be awarded a penalty try when Maidstone, who had a man in the sin bin, repeatedly gave away penalties, but the referee was unmoved.

Slabbert reduced the deficit to six points with a late try, but it did not spark a dramatic comeback.

Thanet travel to fellow strugglers Basingstoke this Saturday in search of their second league win of the season.



Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

ALL OVER? Small knocked Takaloo to the floor in the third, fourth and seventh rounds, before referee Richie Davis decided he had seen enough and called a halt to the fight with three seconds left in round seven

Defeat no Small blow to Takaloo's career hopes

THE future of Margate boxer Takaloo is hanging in the balance after he lost his Southern Area light-middleweight title clash with Anthony Small on Saturday night.

Takaloo, a former two-time WBU champion at both light-middleweight and welterweight, was on the floor three times in the fight staged at Bethnal Green's York Hall.

The Margate boxer, 32, was in fine form before the contest, claiming he was in good shape and that he was prepared for the fight after re-uniting with London trainer Jim McDonnell.

BOXING

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

However, in an interview with Yourthanet after the fight, Takaloo said he was unhappy with his team, who he believes got the tactics wrong for the fight.

He said: "I got a call from Joe Calzaghe on the day of the fight saying that his dad had some tips on how to beat Small. I rang him and he told me to fight like a bully and get him on the ropes. This was different to how I had been training – we got the tactics wrong."

Takaloo said he had still not come to terms with having lost the fight and told Yourthanet he would be taking a week off to decide what he will do with his future.

He said: "I am really disappointed at the moment and I have really mixed emotions about what to do for my future."

"I feel like I have been stabbed in the stomach it hurts so much. This is a low in my career, but I will know when it is time to call it a day. I will take some time out and see if I still have the hunger to carry on boxing."

The fight was the first for Takaloo after he lost the WBU welterweight title to Michael Jennings in April.

Picture IGOR KUPCO



WELL SAVED: Ville goalkeeper Paul McNally was awarded man-of-the-match

Penalty saves ensure Ville climb to safety

A JAMES PERKS brace ensured Cliftonville started the second half of the season in the best possible way as they look to climb away from danger at the foot of Kent Open Premier A.

The game started with some crisp touches on both sides but a good set piece created the first goal for Perks who flicked the ball past the keeper.

This was followed by a first penalty flick save from goalkeeper Paul McNally. Perks then scored his second just before the break from a penalty corner, smashing the ball into the back-board and leaving the Deal keeper with no chance.

A positive half-time talk followed as the coach emphasised Ville needed to defend the middle of the park in order to secure a win.

As the game started in the second half it was clear that it was going to be tough as Deal's physical presence started to show through. A solid defence allowed

HOCKEY

Cliftonville 3 Deal 0

Ville to counter attack and Mark Tiley always look dangerous up front. Then a very unlucky stop on the line from Carl Peres saw the ball bounce off his stick and into his foot to give Deal their second penalty flick of the afternoon. However, McNally produced another save to hold out the opposition. Ville kept pressing and five minutes later, Ville had the opportunity to counter attack with Tiley and James Provins creating a text book goal as Tiley pushed the ball beyond the onrushing keeper.

The goal sealed the victory for Ville and McNally was given man-of-the-match for his second clean sheet of the season thanks to a solid defensive performance.

Ville are next in action on Saturday away to Holcombe 3rd XI.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Rams game a washout as match postponed

HEAVY rain forced Ramsgate reserve's match at Folkestone Invicta in Kent League One to be postponed.

Despite dry conditions on Saturday, the pitch at the Buzzlines Stadium was still waterlogged. Just one fixture went ahead in the division, so Ramsgate remain in ninth position.

The two sides will meet again this Saturday with a game at the Southwood Stadium. Folkestone sit one point behind the Rams.

Waterlogged pitch halts Trott's plans for a run out

A WATERLOGGED Hartsdown Park pitch thwarted Margate's first team match against the reserves.

The Blues were scheduled to play AFC Wimbledon, but the Dons' continuing involvement in the FA Trophy forced a postponement.

Robin Trott planned to put his players through their paces with a match against the reserves, but the game was called off after a downpour on Friday.

Margate host Carshalton Athletic on Saturday in a game they need to win to stay in contention for a play-off place.

Ladies lose out to Court after winter break

CLIFTONVILLE LADIES' II lacked sharpness as they lost their first match after the winter break 2-1 to Gore Court.

Ville started sluggishly and were 2-0 down at the break as the visitors scored two well-taken goals.

The hosts improved in the second half, playing in a much more aggressive style, scoring from a penalty corner mid-way through the half. Spurred on by the goal, Ville's passing improved, but could not find a way past Court's goalkeeper.

Cross-country meeting to be held at Saviours

ST SAVIOUR'S Junior School in Westgate-on-sea will host the second of this season's three Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country League meetings.

The competition is open to boys and girls in Years three to six at all Thanet junior and primary schools and will be held on Saturday, February 9.

Entry is £1 per person and all finishers receive a medal.

Entry forms are available from schools or from www.thanetroadrunners.org.uk.

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